



Qualifying Pressure Washers

Long Beach has a permanent prohibition against washing driveways, sidewalks, parking areas, patios or other outdoor areas with a hose unless you are using a water-conserving pressurized cleaning device. This also applies to kitchens and objects such as non-skid mats.

A simple spray nozzle does not qualify as a water-conserving pressurized cleaning device.

Why the permanent prohibition?

A non-pressurized device can use 10 times water when cleaning outdoor spaces.

Additionally, this excessive water use often flows into the street, down the storm drain and ultimately pollutes our precious coastal marine habitat.

Pressurized cleaning devices use less of our limited drinking water supply, protect Long Beach marine habitat, and more efficiently clean our outdoor spaces.

What qualifies as a “pressurized cleaning device”?

Any device that either (a) discharges water at a minimum of 1,000 pounds per square inch, or psi, or (b) is rated at using less than three (3) gallons of water per minute.

Is there an even better option than a “pressurized cleaning device”?

Yes. Push-brooms are inexpensive, reduce water use 100%, cause zero runoff into our precious Long Beach marine habitat, and are a great form of exercise. A win, win, win, win!