

MOSS CONTROL

Runoff Pollutes

ONLY rain down the drain.



All storm drains in Kirkland flow to the nearest creek, lake or wetland. It is illegal to allow pollutants to enter a storm drain and/or surface and groundwater (KMC 15.52). Property owners, businesses, and/or responsible parties can be subject to fines (KMC 1.12.200).

PREVENTION

- Remove early growth before moss accumulates.
- **Roof:** Clean roof as needed to remove debris. Prune overhanging branches to reduce shade.
- **Pavement:** Sweep regularly to remove debris.

PHYSICAL REMOVAL

- **Roof:** Use leaf blower or sweep gently to remove moss and debris.
- **Pavement:** Use broom to remove moss and debris. Pressure washing? Use only cold water (NO chemicals or soap).

CHEMICAL CONTROL

- If you must use chemical cleaners, divert water onto lawn. Disconnect roof downspouts.
- Use the least toxic product. Visit <https://growsmartgrowsafe.org> for information.
- Always follow label directions. Use the minimum recommended amounts.



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TIPS

- Never allow chemicals, soaps (even biodegradable), or sediment to wash into storm drainage system.
- Early moss growth is indicated by black or green discoloration.
- Clean surfaces in the summer when moss is dry. Don't wait for a thick layer of moss to build up.
- Use all safety measures if cleaning roof yourself.
- If hiring a contractor, ask what cleaning products they use and how they handle runoff.

Need technical assistance or have questions about stormwater pollution prevention?

Visit www.kirklandwa.gov/stormwater or contact Kirkland Public Works at 425-587-3800.

REPORT WATER POLLUTION

Call: (425) 587-3900

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