



**CAR WASH
ANNUAL CERTIFICATION
PROGRAM UPDATE**

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Background

- On March 19, 2024, City Council adopted a water conservation ordinance (Ordinance No. 24-008), which amended Killeen Code of Ordinances Sec. 8-242 to require annual certification of all car wash facilities in Killeen.
- The intent of the program is to establish minimum standards for best water use practices and enforce facility maintenance requirements for new and existing carwashes.

Background

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- The ordinance identifies three (3) types of car washes facilities:
 1. Conveyor Systems;
 2. In-Bay Automatic Systems; and
 3. Self-Service car washes.

Conveyor System

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In-Bay Automatic System

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Self-Service Car Wash

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Program Requirements

- All new conveyer and in-bay automatic car washes must be equipped with and utilize a water recycling system that reuses at least 50% of the water from the previous vehicle rinse in subsequent washes.
- Any existing conveyer or in-bay automatic car wash that is equipped with a water recycling system must use the water recycling system and reuse a minimum of 50% of the water from the previous vehicle rinses in subsequent washes.

Program Requirements

- New conveyer systems shall not use more than thirty-five (35) gallons of water per vehicle.
- New in-bay automatic car washes shall use no more than forty-five (45) gallons of water per vehicle.
- New self-service car washes must utilize a positive shut-off device spray wands with a flow rate of no more than three (3) gallons of water per minute.

Program Requirements

- New and existing car washes owners shall ensure that no water leaks are present in the vehicle washing equipment.
- Any person in violation of these requirements is subject to a fine, as provided in Killeen Code of Ordinances Sec. 1-8, and each day the violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

Car Wash Facility Responsibilities

- Car wash facility responsibilities include:
 - Using the water recycle systems as designed;
 - Maintain records demonstrating the use of water recycling systems;
 - Making facilities available for inspection when needed;
 - Hiring a licensed plumbing inspector or licensed plumber to evaluate and inspect wash equipment at least annually; and
 - Following and implementing water conservation methods and practices.

Car Wash Facility Responsibilities

- City of Killeen enforcement responsibilities include:
 - Providing program education and public awareness information;
 - Implementing the annual certification program;
 - Verifying completed evaluation forms and tracking compliance plans;
 - Maintaining program efforts and compliance records;
 - Coordinating with BPAT regarding backflow prevention and grit-trap waste management; and
 - Taking enforcement actions when necessary.

Compliance Summary – 2024

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- In Program Year 2024, City staff performed on-site visits to all car washes to educate business owners of new requirements.
- All identified facilities complied in 2024.

Compliance Summary – 2025

- In Program Year 2025, City staff implemented the second year of the program, notifying all car wash facilities to renew their annual certification.
- Staff has identified 28 active car wash facilities in Killeen. To date, 23 are in compliance, 1 has repairs in process, and 4 are non-compliant.
- Code Enforcement cases for the 4 noncompliant car washes have been opened.

CARWASHES IN KILLEEN

