



Any expense that is normal & ordinary in the operation of your car wash qualifies as a deductible expense and can be used to reduce your taxable business income. It's important to always maintain copies of your receipts, invoices, and or payments for seven (7) years in case of IRS or State inquiry.

The 75 expenses below outline the most common deductions car wash operators incur throughout the course of business operations. Always consult with your tax professional if you have any questions on the deductibility of any expenses.

Repair & Maintenance	Utilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tools</li> <li>• Parts (Use &amp; Stock)</li> <li>• Fabrication</li> <li>• Paint</li> <li>• Landscaping</li> <li>• Janitorial Supplies</li> <li>• Pest Control</li> <li>• Masonry Paint</li> <li>• Sealcoating &amp; Paving</li> <li>• Power Washing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Internet</li> <li>• Phone</li> <li>• Electric</li> <li>• Gas</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Sewer</li> <li>• Oil &amp; Chemical Disposal</li> <li>• Septic Service</li> <li>• Trash Removal</li> <li>• Fuel &amp; Diesel</li> </ul>
Supplies	Employee
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chemicals</li> <li>• Soaps &amp; Waxes</li> <li>• Vending Items</li> <li>• Oil &amp; Hydraulic Fluids</li> <li>• Towels</li> <li>• Office Supplies</li> <li>• Building Supplies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wages &amp; Salary</li> <li>• Payroll Taxes</li> <li>• Workers Compensation Insurance</li> <li>• Unemployment Insurance</li> <li>• Employee Benefits</li> <li>• Retirement Benefits</li> <li>• Education &amp; Training</li> </ul>



<b>Home Office</b>	<b>Vehicles</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Utilities</li><li>• Real Estate Tax</li><li>• Mortgage Interest</li><li>• Insurance</li><li>• Depreciation</li><li>• Repairs</li><li>• Security</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mileage or Actuals</li><li>• Fuel</li><li>• Insurance</li><li>• Repair &amp; Maintenance</li><li>• Registration</li><li>• Ladder Rack/Lift Gate</li><li>• Utility Trailers</li></ul>
<b>Operating</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Rent</li><li>• Real Estate Tax</li><li>• Personal Property Tax</li><li>• Interest</li><li>• Insurance</li><li>• Sales Tax</li><li>• Contractors</li><li>• Subscriptions</li><li>• Permit &amp; licensing</li><li>• State &amp; Local Filings</li><li>• Conference Fees</li><li>• Credit Card Readers</li><li>• Merchant Processing</li><li>• Computer &amp; Peripherals</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Advertising</li><li>• Signage</li><li>• Lighting</li><li>• Security</li><li>• Locks &amp; Keys</li><li>• CRM</li><li>• Membership Program</li><li>• Legal Services</li><li>• Accounting Services</li><li>• Donations</li><li>• Meals</li><li>• POS System</li><li>• Bank Fees</li><li>• Furniture</li></ul>