

Back country dish washing

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Be certain that the water for washing is sanitary with no germs or parasites. Getting sick or having severe diarrhea on the trail is NO FUN. Getting hepatitis isn't either. These are all possibilities especially in well used wilderness areas these days. It's really bad in some areas when you see how careless some people are about disposal of human waste (feces).

According to my copy of "**Walking softly in the Wilderness. The Sierra Club guide to Backpacking**" ----
- "All Serious washing should be done away from natural water. ***Never rinse off suds in live water, but rather carry the water and wash and rinse ashore.***" That should be about 200 ft from water sources.

And according to **Leave No Trace Canada** "Wastewater.