

**Procedure:** BG 3.26  
**Title:** Washing of Tippers



- 1 **Purpose:** To ensure that washing out tipping vehicles after delivering material to site is undertaken safely and without pollution to the environment.

2	Procedure	Responsible Person	Record
2.1	Washing out vehicle bodies to remove inert residues (e.g. sand/gravel) is only carried out where there is a purpose built facility.	Driver	
2.2	The vehicle is parked on level, stable ground and the handbrake applied.	Driver	
2.3	The tailgate is opened and the vehicle body raised to an incline to allow the material to washout.	Driver	
2.4	Care is taken not to raise the vehicle body too high in high winds and/or exposed positions.	Driver	
2.5	Access between the tailgate and the body is avoided wherever possible.	Driver	
2.6	If it is absolutely necessary to go between the tailgate and the body (e.g., on some articulated vehicles), then it is ensured that the keys are removed from the ignition.	Driver	
2.7	The body is hosed down from a distance avoiding the need to go between the tailgate and body.	Driver	
2.8	Where a high-pressure hose is used protective gloves and goggles are worn.	Driver	
2.9	When wash out is complete the water feed is shut off to avoid wastage and the hose stored securely to avoid potential trip hazards.	Driver	
2.10	During cold weather where a build-up of water may lead to ice formation and potential trip hazard, water is swept away where possible.	Driver	
2.11	Any signs of oil or fuel spills are cleaned up and disposed off to appropriate facility.	Driver	
2.12	Washing down of vehicles (to remove road film) is an even greater hazard – both to the environment and from a safety viewpoint. Washing down is only carried out where there is a purpose built facility with an interceptor.	Driver	
2.13	If the body is raised to wash under it, this is propped in accordance with Procedure BG 3.31 Propping of Tipper Bodies.	Driver	

### Reference Documents

1. BG3.31 Propping of Tipper Bodies