



Stormwater Pollution Best Management Practices

Carpet Cleaning and Dry Cleaning Businesses

Hazardous chemicals and discharged waste water from carpet, drapery, furniture and window cleaning often make their way into the local storm drain system and do not get treated before reaching our local surface and groundwater. This pollutes our drinking water and contaminates local waterways, making them unsafe for people, fish and wildlife. Following these best management practices will prevent pollution, comply with regulations and protect public health.



These guidelines apply even if the cleaning products are labeled “nontoxic” or “biodegradable”. Although these products may be less harmful to the environment, they can still have harmful effects if they enter the storm drain untreated.

- Discharge wash water to sink, toilet, or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- Never discharge wash water to a street, gutter, parking lot, or storm drain.
- Empty the used cleaning fluid tank into a utility sink or other indoor sewer connection at the service provider’s home base or arrange with the customer to discharge into a toilet or utility sink on their premises.
- Check the local wastewater authority’s (LOTT) requirements for discharge.
- Filter wash water before discharging to the sanitary sewer to avoid clogging pipes.
- Dispose of filtered material in the garbage, provided the carpet was not contaminated with hazardous materials.
- When possible, utilize “non toxic” cleaning agents.

For additional water resources information:

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