

Clean Water

At A Glance

Carpet
Cleaning

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Toxic chemicals and waste water from carpet, drapery, furniture, and window cleaning are harmful to our local waterways. Wastewater from carpet cleaning should **NEVER** be dumped on the ground. The wastewater can flow into a storm drain, which leads directly to our streams and rivers. Besides making the water unsafe for people and wildlife, the chemicals can contaminate drinking water supplies.

The following best management practices will prevent pollution, comply with regulations and protect public health. These guidelines should be applied even if cleaning products are labeled "nontoxic" or "biodegradable." Although these products may be less harmful to the environment, they still have negative effects on waterways when they enter the storm drain untreated. Remember, it is a violation of City Code to dump **ANY** product into the storm system.

Make sure that contractors you hire also follow these simple rules!

Proper Disposal of Carpet Cleaning Wastewater

Wastewater from cleaning equipment should be discharged into a sink, toilet, tub or other drains connected to the wastewater treatment system

If there are hazardous materials involved the wastewater must be hauled off and disposed of properly. Call the Lane County Hazardous Waste Center for more information, 682-4120.

Carpet cleaning wastewater should be filtered before discharging to the sanitary system since fibers and other debris in the wastewater can clog pipes. The filtered material can be disposed of in the garbage as long as the waste is not contaminated with hazardous materials.

Only rain
down
the drain!



The River Begins at Your Front Door
Water Pollution Problem Reporting Hotline (541) 726-3694

