

# Clean Water

At A Glance

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Cleaning

## Carpet Cleaning

Toxic chemicals and wastewater from carpet, drapery, furniture, and window cleaning can be harmful to our local waterways if poured out onto the ground. The wastewater can flow into a storm drain, which leads directly to our streams and rivers. Besides making the water unsafe for wildlife, the chemicals can contaminate drinking water supplies.



Check out the best management practices below to learn how to properly dispose of wastewater and help prevent pollution, protect community health, and meet important water quality regulations.

These practices should be applied even if cleaning products are labeled “nontoxic” or “biodegradable.” These products still have negative effects on waterways and aquatic life when they enter storm drains. Be sure any contractors you hire also follow these best management practices. Remember, it is a violation of City Code 4.372 to dump anything into the storm system - only rain down the drain!

### Carpet-Cleaning Wastewater Disposal Do's

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

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 it is not hazardous.

If there are hazardous materials involved, the wastewater must be hauled off and disposed of properly. Call Lane County Waste Management at 541.682.4120 for more information.

### Report Water Pollution

Help keep our local rivers healthy and report water pollution. Call the water pollution reporting hotline at 541.726.3694 or email [dpw@springfield-or.gov](mailto:dpw@springfield-or.gov)

For more information on how to protect local rivers, go to [springfieldstreams.org](http://springfieldstreams.org) or email our team at [WaterResources@springfield-or.gov](mailto:WaterResources@springfield-or.gov)

