

# Mobile Cleaning - Carpets

## Stormwater Best Management Practices



Storm drains are found in our streets and parking lots. You probably walk by a few of them a day, but just don't think much about them. Storm drains are put in place to gather stormwater runoff and bring to our local waterways (rivers, lakes, washes, and retention basins). Storm drains don't remove any pollution before entering our waterways. Stormwater runoff is now one of the leading causes of water pollution in the United States. Stormwater will pick up dirt, trash, oil, grease, chemicals, and other pollutants as it flows over parking lots and streets. So, if mobile cleaners aren't careful, they could be harming the environment. With the right knowledge, staff can prevent pollution from entering storm drains, therefore, helping to improve the water quality in local waterways.

## What Can I Do?

- Dispose of wastewater on-site in sanitary sewer or contain and collect for off-site disposal—never dispose of wash water in street, gutter, parking lot, or storm drain. Dispose of wash water in sink, toilet, or cleanout connected to the sanitary sewer (with customer's permission). Use a lint trap or filter when discharging to a sanitary sewer to avoid clogging the sewer pipes.
- Maintain cleaning equipment to prevent leaks.
- Use non-toxic or less hazardous products when possible.
- Use care when adding cleaning solutions to machines to reduce the chance of spills—keep absorbent materials available in case of spills, clean-up spills promptly using dry clean-up methods.
- Properly dispose of chemicals.
- Train employees to practice pollution prevention.



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