



## Stormwater Best Management Practices Fact Sheet Series

# Mobile Cleaning-Carpets



Carpet, drape, and upholstery cleaning activities generate a variety of wastes. If not handled properly, rinse water containing soap, solvents and debris can enter the storm drain system. Stormwater and the pollutants it carries are discharged into our lakes and rivers without being treated, making them unsafe for people and wildlife.

### What can you do to prevent pollution?

- **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**
  - Do not pour into sink, storm drain, or street
- **Train employees to practice pollution prevention**
- **Post Best Management Practices for reference**



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