



STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION

Best Management Practices for the Carpet Cleaning Industry

Water Quality is important to all of us. The Town of Cary has storm drains that flow into our creeks, streams and lakes. Anything, other than rain that is discharged into our storm drains can have a negative impact on water quality.

We all have a role to play in protecting our finite natural resources. Please review the following best management practices that will help your business prevent illegal discharges.



Wastewater Disposal

- Discharge wastewater into a sink, toilet, tub or drain connected to the sanitary sewer system at the job site.
- Before disposing of the wastewater, filter it to remove carpet fibers and other solids to prevent clogs in the sanitary sewer system.
- Filtered materials can be disposed of in the trash.
- For each job maintain a log of wastewater disposal including the method and amount of wastewater.

Cleaning Products

- These guidelines apply even if cleaning products are labeled “non-toxic” or “biodegradable”.
- “Non-toxic” means that the product is not toxic to the user if directions on the labeling are followed.
- “Biodegradable” means the product will eventually break down.
- Such products can still harm aquatic life, so never dispose of the products or wastewater on the ground or storm drain system.

Spills

- Be aware that the cleanup of materials that are hazardous may require special handling and disposal.
- Maintain your cleaning equipment. Inspect the tanks, hoses and fittings for damage.
- Carry a spill response kit in all vehicles to use in case of a spill. Use dry methods for spill clean-up and use absorbents such as cat litter that can be swept up and disposed of in the trash.
- Do not hose down an outside spill.
- Report spills and leaks that enter the storm drain to Charles Brown at 469-4038.

Employee Training

- Train all employee on pollution prevention upon hiring and repeat annually.
- Post these Best Management Practices where employees can see them.

For more information, contact Charles Brown, Town of Cary Stormwater Program Analyst, at (919) 469-4038 or visit the Stormwater Management section online at www.townofcary.org