



CITY OF SANTEE

Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning



HOW CAN CARPET & UPHOLSTERY CLEANING CAUSE WATER POLLUTION?

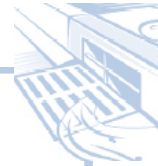


- Wastewater from carpet cleaning usually contains pollutants such as detergents, chemicals, and extracted carpet residues.
- Wastewater and residue must NEVER be discharged to any gutter, parking lot drain, storm drain, curb inlet, drainage channel, or watercourse.
- Carpet cleaning residues contribute to elevated nutrient levels which may result in algal growth and deplete waterbodies of oxygen.

REMEMBER! It is illegal to discharge wastewater from cleaning activities to the storm drain.

WHAT IS STORM WATER POLLUTION?

Storm water pollution is the untreated, contaminated water that drains from streets, parking lots, and other surfaces washing down pollutants as it flows.



WHERE DOES IT GO?

The storm drain system is separate from the sewer system. All the water that enters these drains ends up in the San Diego River, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean completely untreated!

HOW TO PREVENT POLLUTION

1. Discharge wastewater to a sanitary sewer connection: sink, bathtub, floor drain, toilet, sewer clean-out, or septic tank.
2. Clean or flush hoses to a vegetated or dirt area and let the water infiltrate the ground.
3. Contain, control, and capture all wastewater or chemicals.
4. Have a **Spill Response Kit*** readily available for spills and equipment failures.

*See Spill Response Fact Sheet for further information