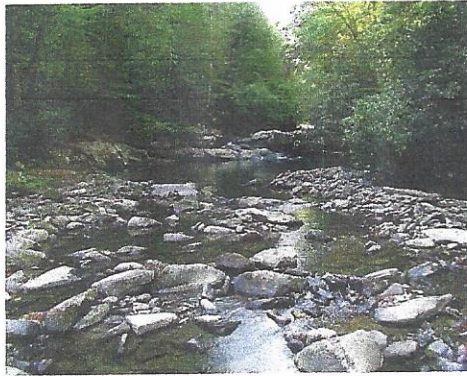


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Stormwater Pollution Prevention for Carpet Cleaning Businesses



The Clean Water Act and West Virginia's Clean Streams Law makes it illegal for businesses to allow any waste water to enter waterways.

Please follow the below steps to help keep our waterways safe and clean.

- It's always good to ask if the customer is on public sewers or a septic system because the carpet cleaning waste water may damage the septic system. If the customer does have a septic system you would take the waste water to a proper sewage disposal site.
- It's important that wash water and rinse water from carpet cleaning be drained into a sink, toilet or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer system, and to never dump into a street, gutter, parking lot or storm drain. When dumped into a storm drain or where it can be carried to a storm drain by rainwater is illegal, and the individual could face civil and criminal prosecution for each violation.
- Please also remember to prevent clogging pipes discharge water should be filtered to remove carpet fibers and other solids and most of the time put in trash containers unless it contains hazardous materials. If it does contain hazardous materials it would be taken to a public or private place that handles wastewater.
- Check your equipment and products to assure they are securely stored in your vehicle so that it may reduce a risk for spilling. Keep any cleaning equipment that you use such as tanks, hoses, fittings, etc. in good shape to prevent any leaks.
- Store your smaller containers of liquid products in a larger container to protect against any spills.
- Have a spill kit on hand and train your employees on how to use the kit. Keep records of the training that you complete. Promptly clean up any spills or leaks of waste water.

SIMPLE OPERATION CHANGES TO YOUR BUSINESS CAN HELP YOU COMPLY WITH REGULATIONS.

A Friendly Reminder from the Moundsville Stormwater Utility Board