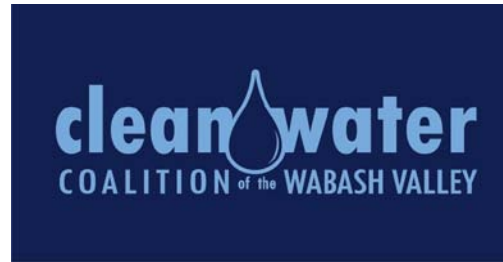


The purpose of this Best Management Practice is to prevent carpet cleaning waters (or any waters that are not entirely comprised of rain water) from leaving a property and entering the street and/ or storm drainage system.

RULES TO REMEMBER

- 1. Contain & Clean Up Spills** - Keep spill cleanup materials on hand and easily accessible in the event a spill.
- 2. Proper disposal** - Discharge wash water into a sink, toilet, or other drain that is connected to the sanitary sewer. **NEVER dump wastewater on the ground into a street, gutter, parking lot or storm drain!**
- 3. Use Non-Toxic Products** - By using "green" carpet cleaning products, your workers limit their exposure to toxins & you can market your environmentally responsible services.
- 4. Train Your Employees** - Prevent water pollution by teaching your employees more about spill preventions and proper disposal of chemicals and wastewater.

**For More Information Visit:
TerreHauteCleanWater.com**



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Water Quality & CARPET CLEANING

Carpet cleaning creates wastewater that usually contains potentially hazardous chemicals, detergents, grit, grease and other organic matter.

It is important to collect and properly dispose of the wash water and keep it from entering groundwater or any storm drainage system.

Many chemicals currently used are highly alkaline and aggressive enzymes and disinfectants which if used or managed improperly can cause harm to humans and the environment.

Some carpet cleaning agents are directly toxic to aquatic life.



Some chemicals are nutrients that promote excessive algal growth. Explosive growth of algae can threaten plant and animal life in our wetlands, rivers and streams.

CONTAIN & CLEANUP SPILLS

Loading and unloading materials and chemicals increase the risk for accidental spills. One of the best things you can do is plan for accidents and mistakes. Identify potential spill activities, specific material handling procedures, and spill response procedures. Purchase spill cleanup materials and train your employees on how to use them.

WHAT IS A “STORM DRAIN”?

Storm Drainage Systems include roads with drainage ditches, municipal streets, gutters, curbs, inlets, piped storm drains, pumping facilities, retention and detention basins, natural and human-made or altered drainage channels, reservoirs, or any other drainage structure that collects and/or conveys storm water.

A large portion of the city is serviced by combined sewers which carry sewage and storm water to the wastewater plant for treatment. Some areas of the city are serviced by separated storm drainage systems. **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems are NOT connected to treatment plants** - everything that enters these storm drain flows directly into creeks and streams and into our Wabash River.!



WHERE CAN YOU DUMP CARPET CLEANING WATER?

Wastewater and residues from carpet cleaning must not be discharged into any stormwater conveyance or onto the ground.

In areas that are serviced by the Terre Haute’s sanitary sewer system you may discharge the wash water into the sewer through a building drain, building sewer, industrial sink, private sewer cleanout, private sampling manhole, or any other privately owned sanitary sewer access point with the property owner’s permission.

TIP

Discharges to the sewer should not contain excessive amounts of grease, grit, or any material that could clog piping. Call the Terre Haute Wastewater Utility at 232-6564 for additional discharge regulations.

In areas that do not have sewer service wastewater and residues from carpet cleaning should be retained in a collection tank or transferred to a suitable container, then transported to an authorized sewage discharge point for proper disposal.

Do not dump carpet wash water onto the ground. This practice may contaminate well water or groundwater sources.

Our River begins

at your front door!