

CARPET CLEANING

Waste Water Pollutes

ONLY rain down the drain.



Allowing carpet cleaning waste water to enter the storm system is illegal. (*GHMC 14*) It's your job to prevent waste water from leaving your site and entering storm drains.

Smart Carpet Cleaning Practices

There is no such thing as “environmentally safe soap”. All soaps kill fish. Keep it out of storm drains, ditches, and streets.

- Carpet cleaning water must be disposed to a sewer system.
- Filter your waste water to remove carpet debris that can clog pipes.

Is your customer on sewer or septic?

Septic—If over 50 gallons, collect the water and take to an approved sewage disposal location. Waste water can overwhelm and damage septic systems.

Sewer—Drain into a toilet, sink, or cleanout (or take to an approved sewage disposal location).

- Keep cleaning equipment in good shape to prevent leaks.
- To prevent spills, securely store equipment and products in your vehicle.



If You Spill...it's your responsibility to:

Promptly clean up

Keep a spill kit on hand to deal with spills. Train your employees to use the kit and keep records of employee training

Have questions about the proper disposal of waste water or need to report a spill that has reached a storm drain, ditch, or street? Contact the city or county where your job is located.

City of Gig Harbor Public Works

Spill Hotline: (253) 851-6170

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