

It's illegal to let anything other than rainwater go down a storm drain.

Learn how to dispose of polluted wash water safely. Follow best management practices to prevent solvents, dirt, and soap from going into storm drains. When it rains, stormwater picks up everything in its way and sends it untreated into the local creeks, the Delta, and the Bay.

It is the responsibility of the business owner to train staff on proper spill and clean-up procedures and stormwater BMPs. Failure to comply with this request may result in the issuance of an administrative citation or fines that accrue daily. Learn more about this at www.cccleanwater.org.

Helpful Resources

Get permission from your local sanitary district and the property owner to use the sewer system for disposal. Find your local sanitary district number here:

Central Contra Costa Sanitary District
925-228-9500

Crockett/Valona Sanitary District
510-787-2992

Delta-Diablo Sanitation District
925-756-1900

Discovery Bay Community Services District
925-634-1131

Dublin-San Ramon Services District
925-828-0515

Ironhouse Sanitary District
925-625-2279

Mt. View Sanitary District
925-228-5635

Rodeo Sanitary District
510-799-2970

Richmond Water Resource and Recovery Division
510-620-6594

Stege Sanitary District
510-524-4668

West County Wastewater District
510-222-6700

Contra Costa Clean Water Program
925-313-2360

Visit the Contra Costa Clean Water Program at cccleanwater.org for more information about proper BMPs for surface cleaning.

Report illicit dumping of stormwater pollution.

- 1-800-No-Dumping
- 1-800-663-8674



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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR CARPET CLEANERS

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BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) FOR WASH WATER DISPOSAL

Before You Clean:

- 1. Review the BASMAA (Bay Area Stormwater Management Agencies Association) website for mobile surface cleaning training at www.basmaa.org
- 2. Check with your local sanitary district before discharging wash water or using the property owner's sanitary sewer plumbing (see back of brochure for the appropriate contact information)
- 3. Dry cleanup with vacuum before wet cleaning
- 4. Minimize use of soaps or solvents

Only Rain Down the Drain!

- 5. Water that goes down storm drains flows untreated to local creeks, the Bay, the Delta, and the ocean; Cleaning products labeled "non-toxic" and "biodegradable" can still harm wildlife

Where Can You Drain Wash Water?

- 6. Get permission from the sanitary district and property owner to discharge wash water to a utility or mop sink, toilet, or floor drain connected to the sewer system



Don't let your dirty wash water go into the street, gutter, parking lot, or storm drain. Solvents, dirt, and soapy water harm our local waterways and creek habitats.

Wash Water Entering a Sanitary Sewer System Must:

- 7. Comply with discharge requirements of your local sanitary district
- 8. Not contain hazardous materials; Some carpet cleaning chemicals may need to be handled as hazardous waste. Certain cleaning products, such as spot removers, may contain toxic organic compounds and should be used very sparingly
- 9. Screen wash water before discharging to sewer to prevent hair and carpet fibers from clogging private systems and to keep grit out of the public sewer system

