

# Watershed Protection Tips



## Mobile Cleaning Services

### Mobile Cleaning Services Including:

- Carpet Cleaners
- Drapery, Blinds & Shutters Cleaners
- Janitorial & Housekeeping Service Providers
- Pet Groomers
- Window Washers
- Pressure Washers

### How Do Mobile Cleaning Services Affect the Watershed?

Waste waters from mobile cleaning services contain contaminants that can harm the watershed. During the process of providing cleaning services, waste waters filled with contaminants including oil, chemicals, heavy metals, and cleaning products can easily run into nearby storm drains. You are responsible for preventing this from happening.

### Best Management Practices for Mobile Cleaning Services

- Use as little water as possible.
- Sweep or vacuum dry debris.
- Use absorbent materials like towels or kitty litter to clean up chemical spills.
- Use biodegradable cleaning products exactly as their labels indicate.
- Perform services, when possible, over vegetated or graveled surfaces.
- Contain washing area with leak-proof or bermed mats.
- Protect storm drains when performing a service nearby.
- Capture waste waters for disposal in a sanitary sewer.
- Understand the possible fees and fines associated with allowing contaminants to enter the storm drain system.

### Options for Disposing of Waste Waters

- With property owner's permission, direct water into vegetated areas.
- Wet vacuum the site and dispose of the water in a utility sink or toilet.
- Take waste waters off site and dispose of them properly at your home or business location.

For more information on preventing stormwater pollution call:

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### What Is Our Watershed?

Our watershed is the total land area from which stormwater drains into streams, rivers or other bodies of water. The storm drain system is a vast network of gutters, pipes and open channels designed for flood control, which directs untreated stormwater away from our communities. It is both illegal and harmful to allow solid or liquid wastes, including organic materials of any kind, into the storm drain system.

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