



Cleaning Your Home Carpets

If you clean your own carpets, rugs or upholstery, follow the following steps:

1. Remove the wastewater collection container from the carpet cleaner following the manufacturer's instructions.
2. Separate the liquid wastewater from the solid waste particles in the wastewater using a strainer. Solid waste particles, such as hair, can clog drains. Use a bucket to collect the liquid as it goes through the strainer.
3. Dispose of the wastewater collected in the bucket in the toilet, sink or a floor drain. These drains lead to the wastewater treatment plant, which filters the wastewater to remove the chemicals.
4. Solid waste particles can go into the trash.
5. Rinse the bucket, strainer and wastewater collection container using clean water. Dispose of this water in the same manner you disposed of the wastewater.

Please Note

Never dump water that contains carpet cleaning chemicals by pouring it on the ground or into a storm drain. It must be discharged to the sanitary sewer. This also applies to having your carpets, rugs or upholstery cleaned by a carpet cleaning business. Make sure your carpet cleaner both knows and follows appropriate practices. Ask your cleaner how he or she intends to dispose of waste.

Telephone Contacts

707-543-4200 Storm water and the storm drain system

707-565-3375 Questions on hazardous materials disposal and recycling www.recyclenow.org

707-543-3800 If spilled material reaches the storm drain system

707-528-5151 or call 911 If spilled material is hazardous