

Tips on Properly Handling Waste Water when Carpet Cleaning

- Ask if the customer is on a sewer or septic before dumping any waste water. If on a septic system, collect the water and take it to a proper sewage disposal site. Carpet cleaning waste water may overwhelm and damage a septic system.
- If the customer is on a public sewer, dispose of waste water into a toilet, utility sink, etc. (or take to an approved sewer disposal location). Never dump waste water on the street, or down storm drains, ditches or other drainage pathways.
- Always filter your waste water when draining to any sewer system to remove debris and carpet fibers that can clog sewage treatment systems.

NOTE: You may be able to dump at an approved RV dump station. Contact these sites directly to determine availability and costs. RV dump stations can be located at www.sanidumps.com.

Tips on Preventing or Handling a Waste Water Spill when Carpet Cleaning

- Use less toxic, “greener” products whenever possible.
- Keep cleaning equipment (tanks, hoses, fittings) in good shape to prevent leaks.
- Make sure equipment and products are securely stored in your vehicle to reduce the risk of a spill.
- Store small containers of liquid products in larger containers to protect against spills.
- Promptly clean up any waste water that spills or leaks. If waste water reaches a storm drain system, contact your local city or county.
- Keep a spill kit on hand to deal with unexpected spills. Train your employees to use the spill kit materials and keep records of the training your employees receive.

**Have questions about the proper disposal of waste water?
Contact the city or county where your job is located.**