

CARPET CLEANING WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

Carpet cleaning generates wastewater. It is your responsibility to dispose of it properly.

Discharging wastewater onto the street is equivalent to pouring it directly into our lakes, springs and rivers.

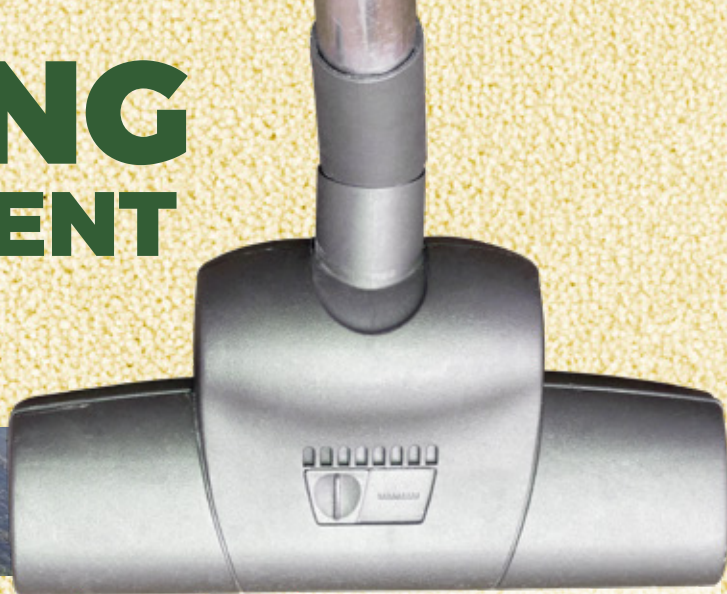
PROPER DISPOSAL OF CARPET WASTEWATER

- When possible, direct collected wastewater to the client's sanitary sewer system.
- Large quantities of carpet cleaning wastewater should never be directed to a septic system.
- Small amounts of non-hazardous, residential carpet cleaning waste can be discharged onto a grassy area as long as the following requirements are met:
 - More than 100 feet from a public water supply well
 - More than 75 feet from a water body
 - No nuisance conditions are created by the discharge, such as erosion or excessive runoff

For commercial carpet cleaning, all wastewater collected in vehicle tanks, must be properly released into an approved wastewater discharge system. An industrial wastewater permit may be required by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) and/or the local sanitary utility, depending on the characteristics of the discharge.



Violations of Orange County Code, Chapter 15, Article IV, Water Quality, Will Result in Penalties.



TIPS FOR CARPET WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT

- Always keep a log with each job, detailing where and how much wastewater was generated, disposed of, and any special handling needed.
- Use a portable containment system to collect wastewater for disposal and to prevent impacts to water bodies.
- In most carpet cleaning situations, wastewater can be discharged by pouring it into a sink, toilet, bathtub, or other drainage systems connected to the sanitary sewer system.
- Prior to discharge, filter water for carpet fibers and other debris as they can cause pipes to clog.
- Use non-toxic cleaners.
- As long as there is no hazardous material present, filtered debris can be discarded as trash.
- Carpet wastewater containing regulated chemicals must be properly disposed of at an appropriate facility.
- Do not pour wastewater down storm drains or into the street or a septic system.



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