

DID YOU KNOW: STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION GUIDELINES

For professional
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Did you know that the City of Brighton has a Stormwater Program?

The primary goal of the City of Brighton Stormwater Program is to reduce the amount of pollutants entering our local streams, lakes and rivers. Pollutants, such as oil, process water, trash, and spilled chemicals may be transported by stormwater runoff into the storm sewer system discharging directly into our local waterways, causing water pollution. Unlike the wastewater in our sewer system, stormwater is not treated before entering our streams, rivers, and lakes.

So how does this pollution from stormwater runoff occur?

If process wastewater or chemicals from commercial carpet cleaning operations are discharged to the pavement, waterways or the storm sewer system, the natural environment will become polluted. This type of pollution can cause adverse impacts to wildlife, stream vegetation, water quality, and recreational amenities.

What can I do to help prevent stormwater pollution in Brighton?

Easy, mindful business practices can go a long way to reducing the pollution that reaches our waterways. Check out the handy pollution prevention chart below:

The Do's and Don'ts of different carpet cleaning pollution sources:

Process Wastewater: Water used to clean carpet and upholstery contains dirt, soap, solvents and other harmful chemicals.

- Don't dispose of process wastewater used to clean carpet in a storm sewer inlet, surface water, or in the road.
- Don't use equipment that is leaking or faulty.

- Dispose of process wastewater at a permitted and approved disposal facility.
- Perform routine equipment inspections before each workday.

Spilled Chemicals: During rain events, any spilled chemicals that have not been properly cleaned are carried into the storm sewer system.

- Don't store chemicals in a location that they are likely to be tipped over.
- Don't overfill carpet cleaning equipment or machinery.

- Provide stormwater pollution prevention training to employees.
- Store chemicals in a safe and secure manner.
- Provide spill kits in all company vehicles to clean spills properly.

