

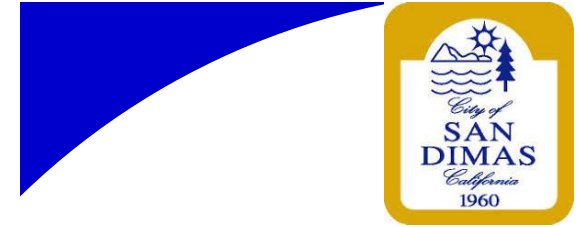


SPILL PREVENTION & CLEANUP

Clean up spills immediately. Have a spill cleanup kit available at all times, with items such as brooms/shovels, dustpans, booms, rags, absorbents, safety glasses and gloves. Never hose down or bury spills. Remove material and dispose of properly. Educate employees about spill prevention and cleanup. Spills that pose threat to human health or the environment should be reported to 911 and to City if any spills enter a storm drain inlet.



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STORMWATER PROGRAM

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR MOBILE CARPET CLEANERS



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Best Management Practices for Mobile Carpet Cleaners

This brochure provides information about using best management practices (BMPs) for the collection, treatment, and disposal of wash water generated from washing the carpeting in homes and businesses.

Why should we be concerned with carpet cleaner waste water discharges?

Water from washing carpets at residential and commercial locations may contain a wide range of contaminants, including detergents, solvents, disinfectants, suspended solids, grit and carpet fibers. If a carpet cleaner discharges these contaminants to the ground surface or surface waters, they can degrade water quality and threaten aquatic life.

Please note that it is unlawful to discharge contaminated water to a waterbody, e.g., a lake, stream, river or wetland, or to a storm drain or drainage swale leading to a waterbody. Carpet cleaners that do not prevent waste water from entering the storm drain systems are subject to Administrative Citations and/or fines under San Dimas Municipal Code Chapter 14.11.

Best Management Practices (BMPs)

Carpet cleaners must use the following BMPs to comply with the City's water quality requirements and water pollution prevention:

- Minimize water use.
- Use cleaning products as described on their labels and dispose of properly. Even biodegradable products impact our waterways.
- Store materials and equipment securely in the vehicle.
- Wash water must be disposed of to a sanitary sewer at an approved location.
- Maintain spill clean up kits in vehicles and ensure that spill kit is appropriate for material used in your activities.
- Clean work areas using dry methods.

Options for wash water management

- **Preferred Option:**
Zero discharge or closed-loop recycled water
- **Second Option:**
Discharge into municipal sewer system including residential sewer cleanout, utility sink or toilet, etc. and precautions must be taken to prevent any heavy debris, hazardous materials or anything that can clog sink or toilet. Wash water may also be taken off site for proper disposal at your home or business. **Contact the City Public Works Dept. for sewer disposal permitting requirements and/or prohibitions.**

If you would like further information about water quality pollution prevention, contact the Public Works Department at (909) 394-6240 or visit our website at www.sandimasca.gov

Thank you for your effort in helping to improve the quality of our environment.