



Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning

Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Stormwater Protection

Stormwater enters our storm drainage system and discharges directly to the Rio Grande **without treatment**. Wastes should not be disposed into our storm drainage system. It is important to keep these pollutants from entering our waterways.

Pollutants of concern include (but are not limited to): soap, oil, grease, solvents and other toxic chemicals, nutrients (phosphate-based cleaners), sediment, trash, and bacteria.

Best Management Practices

These BMPs address mobile carpet, upholstery and other related cleaning activities. Suggested procedures include the following:

- **Educate** employees on these BMP's.
- **Never** discharge any washer water into streets, gutters, driveways, parking lots, ditches or arroyos, or storm drains.
- Keep spill prevention and **clean-up kits** and materials in readily accessible areas.
- Always **filter wash water** prior to discharge into the sanitary sewer to avoid clogging pipes and properly dispose of filtered material.
- **Never** dispose of wastewater into a septic system; the chemicals could cause the septic system to fail.
- **Properly** maintain equipment and filters.
- Use biodegradable, phosphate-free detergents and soaps whenever possible.
- **Vacuum before cleaning** to minimize pollutants in wastewater.
- Check with the local wastewater authority's (ABCWUA) requirements for sanitary sewer discharge.

Only Rain in the Drains!



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Reporting and Resources

For questions or to report a discharge, spill, or other environmental violation, please visit the

Submit an Environmental Complaint webpage

(<http://www.bernco.gov/public-works/report-water-waste.aspx>),

Email: water@bernco.gov

Phone: (505) 224-2100

Bernalillo County Natural
Resources Services

www.bernco.gov/stormwater
www.bernco.gov/pollutionprevention

Albuquerque Metropolitan
Arroyo Flood Control
Authority

www.amafca.org

Middle Rio Grande
Stormwater Quality Team

www.keeptheriogrand.org