



Attention Carpet Cleaners!

How do you dispose of your cleaning water?

Did you know that it is **illegal** to dispose of carpet cleaning water into streets, alleys, parking lots or catch basins that lead to Stormdrains or washes?



City Code prohibits this method of disposal for water used to clean carpets and other materials. Process water must be disposed of through an approved plumbing device. Violation of this code, could result in penalties including fines up to \$300.00!

Pima County Wastewater allows the discharge of filtered carpet cleaning wash water into the sanitary sewer system as long as it is non-hazardous. The carpet cleaning wastewater must be filtered before discharge to the sanitary sewer because fibers and other debris in the wastewater can clog pipes. You can discharge the filtered water via a sink, toilet, tub, or sewer cleanout without an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. The solid residue from filtration generally can be disposed of in the garbage. A cleanup involving a toxic or hazardous material has specific cleanup and disposal requirements, and disposal of these contaminants to the sanitary sewer system or in the garbage may be illegal.

Contact Pima County Wastewater Management for more information at (520) 579-5771.

