



Carpet Cleaning Best Management Practices to Prevent Storm Water Pollution

Did you know that:

- There are two separate wastewater collection systems in Gilbert?
 - The **sanitary sewer** collects waste water from homes, business and industry from sinks, toilets and other outlets. It goes to the water treatment plant for treatment.
 - The **storm sewer** collects runoff from streets. There is no treatment for the storm sewer, storm water goes into the ground and eventually into the ground water. Anything dumped or left in the street or gutter can enter retention basins where children and pets play and from there can infiltrate and contaminate our ground water.

Here are some ways you can prevent storm water pollution:

1. Dispose of carpet cleaning solution in the sink, toilet or down the sanitary sewer cleanout. Liquid from carpet, drape, or upholstery cleaning may **NEVER** enter the storm sewer. Before discharging to the sanitary sewer, contact Town of Gilbert public works at 480-503-6400 to notify the Wastewater Division.
2. Use a lint trap or filter to capture loose fibers to avoid a clogged drain. Dispose of the lint in the regular trash.
3. Maintain equipment including hoses to prevent leaks.
4. Try to use non-toxic cleaning agents whenever possible.



Only Rain in the Storm Drain