

# INDOOR CLEANING

Carpet, Upholstery, Wood, Tile, and General Cleaning

## Stormwater Best Management Practices

Protect creeks and lakes.  
Avoid fines for polluting.



### Disposing of Dirty Water

- ✓ NEVER dispose of dirty water into a storm drain.
- ✓ Dirty water can be disposed in the sanitary sewer. Filter large debris and slowly pour into a sink, toilet, tub or sanitary sewer clean out pipe. NEVER open a sanitary sewer manhole.

### Commercial Businesses

- ✓ Haul dirty water back to the business for proper disposal or arrange for disposal in an indoor drain on site that leads to the sanitary sewer. See “Disposing of Dirty Water” for best practices.
- ✓ Upon hire, train all new employees about proper disposal of dirty water. Train annually thereafter.

### Cleaning Products

- ✓ Even products labeled “biodegradable”, “nontoxic” or “natural” are harmful to creeks, ponds and lakes.
- ✓ Do not dispose of unused cleaning products and solutions in storm drains or sanitary sewers. See MeckNC.gov for Household Hazardous Waste info.

### Spill Response

- ✓ Stop work and respond quickly.
- ✓ NEVER wash away outdoor spills.
- ✓ Use absorbent materials to soak up and contain spills.
- ✓ Place spill kits and absorbent materials in areas where spills are likely to occur.
- ✓ Report spills to 311.

Report Spills and Stormwater Pollution to  
**311 or (704) 336-7600**

For more information, visit [StormWater.CharMeck.org/PollutionPrevention](http://StormWater.CharMeck.org/PollutionPrevention)



# Storm Drains are for Rain Only



Stormwater goes directly to our creeks and lakes without treatment. Pollution that washes away with rain and enters storm drains is called stormwater pollution.

Preventing stormwater pollution is important for:



Drinking Water



Recreation



Fish & Wildlife



Quality of Life

**Pollution isn't just bad for the environment—IT'S ILLEGAL.**

*You can be fined up to **\$10,000** per day, per event.*

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