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### Possible Pollutants

Fine-grained sediment

Oil and grease

Nutrients

### Good Housekeeping

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Employee Training

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Keep it Clean Partnership

City of Golden

## CARPET AND FURNITURE CLEANING

### DESCRIPTION

Wastewater from carpet and furniture cleaning operations must not be allowed to enter the storm sewer system and must be discharged to the sanitary sewer system for treatment. Carpet and furniture cleaning operations combined with best management practices (BMPs) can prevent or reduce fine-grained sediment particles, oil, and nutrients from polluting stormwater.

### PROCEDURES

#### WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL

- Do not dump wastewater or other materials outside. The direct flow of pollutants to storm drains and waterways is illegal.
- Wastewater from cleaning equipment must be discharged to a holding tank, or to a sink, toilet, or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer system (as allowed by the local wastewater district).
- Do not wash equipment outdoors unless wastewater will be discharged to sanitary sewer.
- Carpet cleaning wastewater should be filtered before discharging to sanitary sewer to remove debris that can clog pipes. The filtered material can be disposed of in the garbage.

#### MATERIAL HANDLING AND STORAGE

- Regularly maintain cleaning equipment (tanks, hoses, and fittings) to prevent wastewater leaks.
- Securely store all materials and equipment in the vehicle during transport.
- Used secondary containment devices or construct dikes/curbs to contain any possible leaks.

#### SPILL PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

- Use spill prevention methods to ensure no hazardous materials reach the floor or ground.
- Keep spill cleanup equipment in or near all work areas, and use only dry cleanup methods to manage spills.
- Clean up spills immediately.

#### EMPLOYEE TRAINING

- Train applicable employees on this written procedure. Information regarding how to avoid and report spills should be included.

