**Take care when cleaning carpets**

Wastewater from carpet cleaning contains chemicals, detergents, dirt, carpet fibers, oils and grease. This wastewater should ALWAYS be disposed of into a utility sink or floor drain that connects to the sanitary sewer system. NEVER dump this or other wastewater into city storm sewers or ditches.

Storm sewers and ditches connect to lakes, streams, rivers and wetlands, usually without any treatment. Dumping wastewater or other hazardous materials into the community stormwater system is illegal and pollutes our water. [insert local ordinance info here]

If you hire a carpet cleaning company, make sure that they safely dispose of the wastewater in a utility sink or floor drain before leaving your home. Or, if that is not possible, the company should transport wastewater off-site and dispose of it in a sanitary sewer at an approved facility.

To report illegal dumping [insert MS4 contact info here].