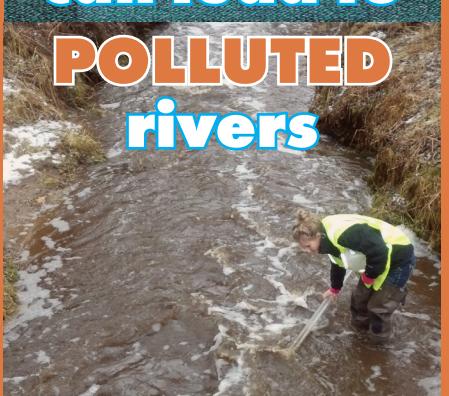
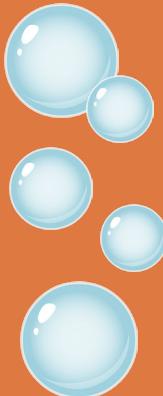




CLEANING carpets can lead to POLLUTED rivers



Though our carpets are getting clean, our **lakes and rivers** are often the recipient of the harmful wastewater created by cleaning our carpets! This wastewater contains chemicals, detergents, dirt, carpet fibers, oils and grease that can pollute our lakes and streams.



DON'T...dump the wastewater into a storm sewer, water body, or ditch. This is called an “illicit discharge” and is **ILLEGAL**.

DO...dump the wastewater into your utility sink. If you hire a carpet cleaning company, make sure they do as well. If a utility sink is not available, carpet cleaning companies should transport wastewater off-site and dispose of the water in a sanitary sewer at an approved facility.

If you see illegal dumping, report it to: