Mobile Carpet Cleaning:
Toxic chemicals and discharged waste water from carpet, drapery, furniture, and window cleaning often make their way into the Los Angeles County storm drain system, and does not get treated before reaching the San Gabriel and Santa Ana Rivers. This pollutes our drinking water and contaminates local waterways, making them unsafe for people and wildlife. Following these Best Management Practices (BMPs) will prevent pollution, help you comply with regulations, and protect public health.

These guidelines apply even if the cleaning products are labeled “non-toxic” or “biodegradable”. Although these products may be less harmful to the environment, they can still have harmful effects if they enter the storm drain untreated.

- **Dispose of Waste Water Properly:** Waste water from cleaning equipment must be discharged into a sink, toilet, or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer system within sanitary sewer discharge limits, or hauled off and disposed of properly. Waste water should never be discharged into a street, gutter, parking lot, or storm drain.
- **Filter Waste Water:** Carpet cleaning waste water should be filtered before discharging it to the sanitary sewer since fibers and other debris in the waste water can clog pipes. The filtered material can be disposed of in the garbage, as long as the waste is not contaminated with hazardous pollutants.