



INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM INSPECTION OF COMMERCIAL CARPET CLEANER SHOPS PROCEDURE MANUAL

The Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program conducts compliance inspections of carpet cleaner shops that discharge process wastewater into the City of Meridian sewerage system. Following these “best management practices” will ensure Meridian Carpet Cleaner Shops to meet compliance with applicable federal regulations that conduct mobile carpet cleaning activities.

Meridian’s Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program has adopted these Best Management Practices to assist our community’s carpet cleaning shops and or mobile cleaning commercial businesses on how to best manage the disposal of industrial process wastewater discharge to sewer. These BMPs now serve as our inspection criteria checklist by our pretreatment inspector during a carpet cleaning shop inspection. Legal authority of the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Program is established by *Title 9, Chapter 2 Sewer Pretreatment of Meridian City Code, Sections 9-2-2-1 and 9-2-2-4.*

FACILITY INSPECTION:

- The inspection should last 30 minutes or less;
- A typical inspection includes the Inspector evaluating the carpet cleaning shop for compliance and writing an inspection report.
- Proceeding an inspection;
 1. If the carpet cleaning shop is in compliance there will be no corrective action required;
 2. Upon the completion of the inspection process, a compliance letter will be distributed to the business.

INSPECTOR:

- Look to see if an interceptor vault has been installed and maintained;
- Conduct a Local Limits sample event for metals as per Title 9, Chapter 2 Section 9-2-2-4: *Local Limits*.
 1. Check records, such as receipts for interceptor cleaning services are on file;
 2. Receipts are to be kept on file for 3 years.
- Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Automotive Shops as prepared by the City of Meridian Pretreatment Program to be followed.

POTENTIAL POLLUTANT SOURCES:

The following activities are potential sources of pollutants:

- Disaster cleanup services
- Illegal drug manufacturing house
- Chemical storage area

COMMERCIAL CARPET CLEANING BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

APPROVED DISPOSAL METHOD

Discharge wash water to sink, toilet, or other drain connected to the sanitary sewer system.

- Never discharge wash water to a street, gutter, parking lot, or storm drain.
Either:
 - empty the spent cleaning fluid tank into a utility sink or other indoor sewer connection at the service provider's home base or
 - arrange with the customer to discharge into a toilet or utility sink on their premises.

- Filter wash water before discharging to the sanitary sewer to avoid clogging pipes. Dispose of filtered material in the garbage, provided the carpet was not contaminated with hazardous materials.
- These guidelines apply even to cleaning products labeled “nontoxic” and “biodegradable.”
- Do NOT discharge solvent based cleaners or cleaning fluids containing hazardous residuals into the sanitary sewer system.

TRAINING

1. Train employees on these BMP's, storm water discharge prohibitions, and wastewater discharge requirements.
2. Train employees on proper spill containment and cleanup.
 - Establish training that provides employees with the proper tools and knowledge to immediately begin cleaning up a spill.
 - Ensure that employees are familiar with the site's spill control plan and/or proper spill cleanup procedures.
3. Establish a regular training schedule, train all new employees, and conduct annual refresher training.
4. Use a training log or similar method to document training.