

**SCHEDULE "O"**

*(Bylaw 3016)*

**CODE OF PRACTICE FOR CARPET CLEANING OPERATIONS  
BYLAW NO. 2922**

**1.0 APPLICATION**

- 1.1 This code of practice prescribes conditions governing the discharge of waste from carpet cleaning operations directly or indirectly into a sewer connected to a sewage facility.  
*(Bylaw 3105)*
- 1.2 The term "treatment works" in this code of practice means the works referred to in Section 2.2 (b).

**2.0 DISCHARGE REGULATIONS**

- 2.1 On or after July 1, 2003, an operator of a carpet cleaning operation must not discharge waste, which at the point of discharge into a sewer contains:
- (a) prohibited waste;
  - (b) special waste;
  - (c) restricted waste other than chemical oxygen demand (COD), biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and total suspended solids; *(Bylaw 3075)*
  - (d) stormwater; *(Bylaw 3075)*
  - (e) uncontaminated water in quantities greater than two cubic meters per day; or *(Bylaw 3075)*
  - (f) total suspended solids in a concentration that is in excess of 1000 milligrams per litre (mg/L) as analyzed in a grab sample. *(Bylaw 3075)*
- 2.2 An operator of a carpet cleaning operation that generates carpet cleaning waste on or after July 1, 2003 must either:
- (a) collect and transport the wastewater from the carpet cleaning location for off-site waste management; or
  - (b) treat the wastewater using a screen with holes not greater than 0.25 millimeters (mm) in width or length prior to discharge into a sewer.
- 2.3 An operator of a carpet cleaning operation must:
- (a) visually inspect the screen for defects on a daily basis; and
  - (b) repair or replace the screen if any defects are found.
- 2.4 An operator of a carpet cleaning operation must not discharge unscreened wastewater and/or screened solids into a sewer connected to a sewage facility.

- 2.5 An operator of a carpet cleaning operation must, on or before July 1, 2003, install spill containment or cap all floor drains located in all chemical storage areas to prevent any accidental discharge of carpet cleaning chemicals into a sewer.
- 2.6 An operator of a carpet cleaning operation must inspect the equipment referred to in section 2.7 for leaks at least once per week.
- 2.7 The following equipment must be checked for leaks:
- (a) hose connections, unions, couplings and valves;
  - (b) filter gaskets;
  - (c) pumps; and *(Bylaw 3105)*
  - (d) wastewater holding tanks.
- 2.8 An operator of a carpet cleaning operation who detects a leak of wastewater or liquid cleaning product from carpet cleaning equipment or chemical storage must:
- (a) immediately take all steps necessary to prevent the discharge of such liquid into a sewer; and
  - (b) repair the leak within 72 hours of its detection.

### **3.0 RECORD KEEPING AND RETENTION**

- 3.1 An operator of a carpet cleaning operation must keep a record at the site of installation of the treatment works that includes the following information:
- (a) weekly record of all inspections done by the operator, employees or other hired personnel;
  - (b) record of any contaminated liquid leaks detected and remedial actions taken;
  - (c) record of screen repair or replacement; and
  - (d) record of all other equipment maintenance and repair.
- 3.2 The records required under Section 3.1 must be retained for a period of two years and must be available for inspection on request by an officer.