



Environment, Health & Safety Shop Talk

FLOOR CLEANING WASH WATER DOs & DON'Ts

Remember most exterior drains and some interior drains are not connected to a sanitary sewer system, but instead are storm drains that lead directly to a ditch, stream, or lake. **Discharging dirty wash water into one of these drains could pollute surface or ground water.**

DOs

Do dispose of wash water into the sanitary sewer.

Do use a nontoxic floor cleaner.

DON'Ts

Don't allow floor cleaning wastewater to go into a drain (inside or outside) or septic tank leading to a ditch, stream, or lake.



*For more information concerning the proper management and disposal of floor cleaning wash water, contact Sharon Myers in the Dept. of Environment, Health, and Safety at **962-9752, 962-5507** or via email at **samyers@email.unc.edu**.*