



Keeping the footpath clean

Cleanliness and a well-kept appearance of commercial premises is of high priority for small businesses. It can influence the first impression of customers. By keeping shop fronts, dining and high pedestrian areas clean can also prevent unintentional pollution.

Cleaning options

- **Dry Sweeping**

When cleaning down shopfront walls, windows, floors and footpaths, use a dry broom to clear away any solid material and dust. Collect and dispose of in a waste bin.

- **Mopping up**

Use a mop/squeegee and bucket to clean down surfaces and dispose of the waste water to sewer. If a surface is lightly soiled you may not need to use detergent at all. If heavily soiled use detergent sparingly.

- **Hosing or Water Blasting**

Hosing or pressure cleaning should be kept to a minimum. Hosing heightens the risk of potential pollutants entering the stormwater system and causing water pollution. Solid wastes deposited on the footway can be collected by shovel and placed in a bin. Residual waste can then be mopped up.

- **Filter socks**

If footpaths are cleaned by hosing, all pollutants such as sand, silt, and litter should be captured before it enters the stormwater system. Do this by placing a filter sock in the gutter. Filter socks capture the solids and filter fine particles from the water. All material captured by the filter socks must be swept up from the gutter and placed in a bin.

- **Chemicals**

The use of chemicals should be kept to a minimum as filtering out chemicals from waste water is difficult. Using these previous methods in your regular cleaning practices:

- **Clean Capture**

Technologies now exist whereby the waste water and collected material during the cleaning process is separated by passing through a fine filter before the waste water is pumped out into a waste collection area. Unlike traditional pressure washing services, the system has no misting, over-spray or pooling of water. Work may be carried out whilst businesses are fully operational.

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