

Take Action

1. Learn more about dangerous dry cleaning chemicals and demand government action at environmentaldefence.ca/drycleaning
2. Find out which chemicals your local dry cleaner is using and share your findings with TEA. torontoenvironment.org/dryclean_scorecard
3. Support wet cleaning and check out TEA's Wet Cleaning Directory to find a non-toxic cleaner near you. torontoenvironment.org/wetclean



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A GUIDE TO

Non-Toxic Dry Cleaning



If my cleaner used PERC, what should I do?
If your cleaner used PERC on your clothes, remove them from the plastic cover and air them out before wearing.



Also Toxic
Propylene Glycol Ethers, Acetal, N-Propyl Bromide, Solvon, K4, DrySolv
Trade names: Solvali, Rynex, environmental pollutants.

Siloxanes & MISTLEADING POLLUTING
Green Earth, DS
Siloxanes used in silicone-based cleaning are persistent environmental pollutants.

PERC & OUTDATED CARCINOGENIC
Perchloroethylene, Tetrachloroethylene
Around since the 1950s, PERC is a known carcinogen linked to several types of cancer.

Hydrocarbons & TOXIC WIDESPREAD
DF2000, Ecosolv
Contributes to smog and nasty air pollution through volatile organic compounds (VOCs).

Wet Cleaning & GREEN CLEAN
Safest, most environmentally-friendly method for dry clean only clothing. Doesn't use toxic chemicals, just water and detergents in computer-controlled washers.



- Toxic-free wet cleaning
 - ▲ Propylene glycol ethers
 - ▲ Acetal
 - ▲ Hydrocarbons
 - ▲ Siloxanes
 - PERC
 - N-Propyl Bromide
- Ask your cleaner what method they use for dry clean only items.
Did you know that "dry cleaning" isn't really dry? The real question is what chemical or detergent your clothes are soaked in at the cleaners.

ASK YOUR LOCAL CLEANER
How are your clothes cleaned?

Handy Tips
Some options advertised as "green" or "organic" actually harm the environment. Only wet cleaning is fully environmentally and health-friendly.
Get rid of odours
If the problem is an odour, try spraying alcohol under the arms if the fabric is colourfast.
Skip the dry cleaner
Some delicates can be hand washed at home with care—check the label.

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