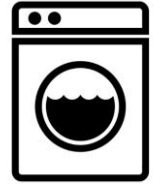




Wet Cleaning Resources



"Professional wet cleaning is a safe alternative to dry cleaning that eliminates the use of toxic chemicals that are harmful to the environment and your health," Commissioner Klee, CT DEEP

The CT Department of Energy & Environmental Protection is working with garment cleaners across the state to promote the use of wet cleaning as an alternative to perchloroethylene and has compiled the information below to assist cleaners with this.

Please contact the DEEP's Pollution Prevention Office at 860-424-3243 or 860-424-3246 with any additional questions.

Wet Cleaners Located Nearby

Want to speak with a cleaner who is using wet cleaning? Please contact any of the following:

1. Fabricare Cleaners, Norwalk CT. Mike Astorino, owner: 203-650-2057
2. French Cleaners, West Hartford, CT. Phil Cote, owner: 860-523-5211;860-794-7142(c)

These Massachusetts cleaners are using 100% wet cleaning:

1. KMK Cleaners, Walpole, MA. Mike Flaherty, owner: 508-668-1293
2. JP Cleaners, Boston, MA. Myra & Ernesto Vargas, owners: 617-327-0530 (speaks Spanish)
3. Premier Cleaners, Westford, MA. Ryan Chae, owner: 978-600-1991 (call after 4 pm)
4. Best Neighborhood Cleaners, Medford, MA. Tom Nguyen, owner: 781-643-1850 (speaks Vietnamese)
5. Luongo's Cleaners, Bedford, MA. Myungjin & Hyunil Moon: 781-275-7300 (speaks Korean)
6. AB Cleaners, Westwood, MA. Joon Han, owner. Cell: 813-817-5249 (speaks Korean, Spanish and English); also sells for Seitz and is often on the road.
7. Quality Cleaners, Springfield, MA. Noah Choi, owner: 413-783-0987

Energy Efficiency

Connecticut has many opportunities for businesses to save money by utilizing energy efficiency programs and funding. The Small Business Energy Advantage Program (SBEA) is a good place to start. Commercial customers served by UI and Eversource and gas customers served by CNG, SCG or Yankee Gas can find out more by calling 1-877-WISE-USE. The SBEA program includes a free on-site energy assessment.

SBEA Contacts:

Dennis O'Connor, UI (203)-499-3715
Randy Vagnini, Eversource (860)-665-4753

Wet Cleaning Process, Equipment and Detergents

1. Detailed list of professional wet cleaning washers, dryers, tensioning equipment and biodegradable detergents, including contact information and prices:
Equipment Report: Professional Wet Cleaning, by Sustainable Technology & Policy Program
<http://www.aqmd.gov/docs/default-source/aqmd-forms/Drycleaners/pro-wet-cleaning-equip-report.pdf>
2. Guidebook for garment care professionals wanting comprehensive information on wet cleaning: *Professional Wet Cleaning Guidebook*, prepared by California Air Resources Board
http://www.arb.ca.gov/toxics/dryclean/wetcleaning_guidebook.pdf
3. Report prepared by the Toxic Use Reduction Institute at UMass, Lowell, on wet cleaning equipment and detergents:
New England Equipment Report, TURI
http://www.turi.org/Our_Work/Business/Small_Businesses/Dry_Cleaning/New_England_Equipment_Report
4. This Guide is meant to provide a basic understanding of wet cleaning to help garment care professionals understand the costs and benefits of wet cleaning in order to make decisions about how to implement wet cleaning.
Professional Wet Cleaning Implementation Guide, prepared for NYS by Rochester Institute of Technology
https://www.rit.edu/affiliate/nysp2i/sites/rit.edu.affiliate.nysp2i/files/professiona_l_wet_cleaning_implementation_guide_final_8-2013_0.pdf

Recycling and Reuse Opportunities

Wire Hangers: The environmentally preferable management of hangers is to reuse them a number of times before recycling them as scrap metal. Provide container for customers to drop off wire hangers for reuse and recycling.

Plastic Film: Work with your supplier to set up a recycling system for plastic film that includes a container for customers to drop off their plastic film when they drop off their clothes.

This case study describes how drycleaners worked with their distributor to set up a system in 5 southeast states:

<http://bit.ly/2auLIWm>