COLLECT, EMPTY AND DISPOSE OF SEPARATOR WATER

Collect and Empty Separator Water

1. Use a 5-gallon bucket with a hole cut in the lid to fit the hose from the dry cleaning machine. Check every week to make sure the bucket doesn’t overflow.

2. Wear coveralls or an apron and disposable nitrile gloves to keep the separator water off your skin. Wear safety goggles to protect your eyes.

3. Open the doors and windows and make sure your shop gets lots of fresh air when you pour the separator water into the waste drum.

4. After carefully pouring separator water into the waste drum, clean up separator water spills with paper towel and put them in the waste drum. After you seal the waste drum, put your used gloves into the garbage.

Dispose of Separator Water

SEPARATOR WATER MUST BE DISPOSED OF AS A HAZARDOUS WASTE.

- NEVER evaporate separator water in the shop!
- NEVER pour it down a toilet or sink!
- NEVER add it to a cooling tower or a water system!
- NEVER pour it on the ground!

5. Label the container: "TOXIC WASTE" and the date you started filling it.

6. Store the container indoors or under a covered and secured area with secondary containment. NEVER store in an alley or parking lot.

- Store the waste in a sealed PERC-resistant container. Do not fill it to the top, leave about 4 inches.
- Tell the disposal facility to send you a signed Hazardous Waste Manifest to make sure and PROVE that they received your waste.
- Always get a receipt from the hazardous waste vendor for PROOF that you disposed of it properly.

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Voice: 206-263-1650    TTY relay: 771

If you need help:
Leak detectors and log books, perchloroethylene registration and permits: Puget Sound Clean Air Agency, 206-343-8800


Safety – choosing the best glasses to protect your eyes, gloves and coveralls to protect your skin, or if someone gets hurt: Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, 1-800-423-7233

Managing PERC waste or switching to a new dry cleaning solvent… if you would like someone to come out and help you at no cost: Local Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County, 206-263-8899

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- PERC causes cancer!
- Do NOT breathe vapors!
- Do NOT get it on your skin!

Keep PERC out of our air and water! PERC can move through concrete and soil to contaminate our drinking water supply.

The average cost of a PERC cleanup is $260,000.

Landlords want you to follow best management practices to avoid costly spills and contamination.

Save your RECEIPTS for evidence that you managed your PERC waste properly.

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