

Alternative dry cleaning systems

A list of Minnesota dry cleaners using alternative dry cleaning systems.

Traditional dry cleaning systems use perchloroethylene (perc) during the dry cleaning process. Employee exposure to perc should be minimized as perc is a suspected carcinogen that has been associated with dizziness, confusion, headache, nausea, and eye irritation. Over-exposure may cause central nervous system and liver disorders. Perc is listed as a hazardous air pollutant under the federal Clean Air Act.

Many dry cleaners use alternative cleaning systems to meet customer needs, minimize health and safety impacts for employees, and to protect the environment.

- Aqueous (wet) cleaning: water and detergents are used. A computer controls temperature and agitation for washing and drying machines.
- GreenEarth: a liquid silicone compound (methyl siloxane) is used as the cleaning solvent. Its low surface tension allows for quick wetting of

fibers and its density, which is close to water, helps remove insoluble soils along with proper mechanical action.

- Hydrocarbon: a petroleum based solvent with a flash point above 140°F that provides safe, effective, odorless cleaning.
- Solvair: an alternative cleaning system using propylene glycol ether as the cleaning fluid, followed by a rinse with liquid CO₂.

MnTAP maintains the following list of dry cleaners using alternative dry cleaning systems solely as a service to Minnesota companies and citizens. This is not a complete list of cleaners and does not represent an endorsement by MnTAP. MnTAP, by providing the list, does not guarantee that the products or services comply with environmental and safety laws in any specific application.

Cleaning Establishment	Contact Information	Wet Cleaning	Green-Earth	Hydro-carbon	Solvair	Notes
All Season Maple Grove, MN	763.551.7934	X				
Bloomington Cleaners Bloomington, MN	952.888.6969 <www.bloomingtoncleaners.com>	X		X		No perc is used.
C & R Cleaners Grand Forks, ND	701.775.5336	X				
City Laundry and Dry Cleaners Minot, ND	701.852.3753 <www.cleanitforyou.com>	X		X		No perc is used.
Clean 'N Press Hopkins, MN	952.935.3033 <www.cleannpress.com>	X				
Clean 'N Press Oakdale, MN	651.450.4759 <www.cleannpress.com>	X				
Colonial Dry Cleaners Minneapolis, MN	612.823.8095 <www.colonialcleanersmn.com>	X	X			No perc is used.

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Edina Cleaners Edina, MN	952.927.9991 <www.edinacleaners.com>	X		X		No perc is used.
Joe's Dry Cleaning & Laundry Service NW & SW Suburbs	763.498.1405	X				
Lake Superior Laundry and Dry Cleaning Superior, WI	715.394.8636			X		
Mulberrys Garment Care St.Louis Park, MN	651.886.2948 <www.mulberryscleaners.com>				X	No perc is used.
Premier Cleaners Eagan, MN	651.452.3294	X				
Prestige Cleaning Center Minneapolis, MN	612.929.2010	X	X			No perc is used.
St. Croix Cleaners Stillwater, MN	651.351.1658	X		X		No perc is used.
Sweeney Cleaners Fargo, ND	701.235.5545			X		No perc is used.
Temple Cleaners Glencoe, MN	320.864.4317	X				No perc is used.
Tops Cleaners St. Cloud, MN	320.253.7018	X		X		No perc is used.
Skylark Dry Cleaning Twin Cities Metro Area	612.379.2532 <www.skylarkcleaning.com>	X	X			No perc is used.
Walker Cleaners Walker, MN	218.547.1611	X		X		No perc is used.



For More Information

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