



BEST CLEANERS ECO-NEWS


always 100% perc free, naturally


SELECTED AS ONE OF
AMERICA'S BEST CLEANERS™

- ~ For free pick-up and delivery - call 458-BEST
- ~ 24-hour drop off
- ~ 48-hour tailoring

Making the world a cleaner place (one garment at a time)

In response to consumer demand for environmentally-friendly products and services, the drycleaning industry faces challenges to implement new processes. Most drycleaners still use PERC, a cleaning solvent that not only smells harsh, but also pollutes soil and water. At Best Cleaners, we think that's too high a price to pay for cleaner clothes.

That's why we use an environmentally-friendly solvent that's gentler on the Earth and your garments. We also use wet-cleaning, a water based process, whenever possible, as well as energy-efficient equipment and materials recycling. The good news for the Capital Region is that Best Cleaners are not alone: more and more dry-cleaners are choosing "green" solvents and new machine technology to minimize the garment care industry's environmental impact.

At Best Cleaners, being "environmentally responsible" means more than buying a new machine or putting up a new sign. In our view, being responsible is a front-to-back focus affecting every process, from how we track clothes to the choices in garment covering. We have detailed the steps involved in being an environmentally responsible cleaner on the back of this sheet.

We welcome your comments and suggestions and look forward to being your environmentally-responsible drycleaner for a long, long time.



Environmentally-responsible drycleaning

While there are no governmental standards or industry-regulating bodies to define “green dry cleaning,” and the media tends to paint all dry-cleaners with the same brush, Best Cleaners upholds the principles of environmental responsibility.

These standards should be adopted by any cleaner claiming to be “green,” “organic,” or “Earth-friendly”:

Dry Cleaning

- ~ Use of a 4th generation (or higher) dry to dry system – to capture and recycle solvent
- ~ Use of a modern solvent alternative – Water, D5 Silicone base, Glycol Ether – Solvair, DF2000 HydroCarbon
- ~ Use of a certified waste hauler for all process wastes
- ~ Use of a condensate handler for contact water
- ~ Systematic training for all cleaning staff regarding proper process and procedure
- ~ Use of environmentally responsible spotting chemicals
- ~ Wet-Clean garments that can be safely wet-cleaned

Energy and Maintenance

- ~ Documented preventative maintenance program to eliminate energy waste
- ~ Modern energy efficient lighting
- ~ Modern energy efficient controls for boiler and return systems
- ~ Use of a retriever to recover ‘extra’ energy for heating water
- ~ Use of a low temperature laundry system
- ~ Insulate pipes

Packaging and Tracking

- ~ Use of permanent barcoded labels to track client garments – eliminates wasted paper tickets
- ~ Issue of a single client invoice – unless client requests duplicate
- ~ Hanger recycling program – use of durable high end reusable hangers when possible
- ~ Garment bag recycling program – Laundry bag program

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