

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.

Use secondary containment to catch spills.



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 DANGEROUS WASTE.

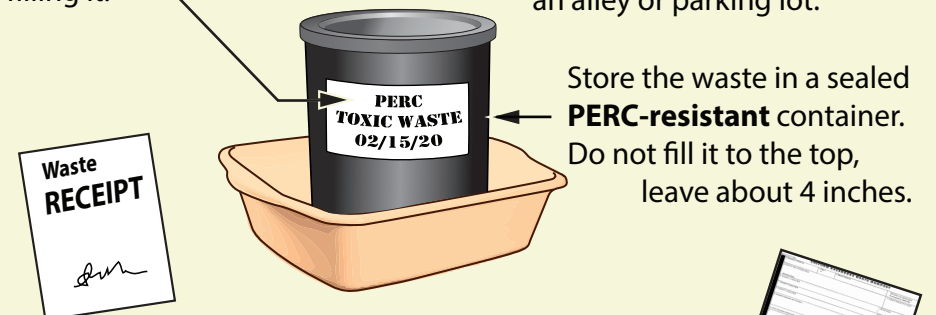
- NEVER evaporate or mist separator water!
- NEVER pour it down a toilet or sink!
- NEVER add it to a cooling tower or a water system!
- NEVER pour it on the ground!



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

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



Always get a receipt from the waste vendor for PROOF that you disposed of it properly.

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.

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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.

A PERC cleanup can cost \$100,000 to \$1,000,000 on average.

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.

If you need help:

Leak detectors and log books, perchloroethylene registration and permits:

Washington clean air agencies, ecology.wa.gov/cleanairagencies

Dangerous waste: Washington State Department of Ecology:

Central Regional Office, 509-575-2490

Eastern Regional Office, 509-329-3400

Northwest Regional Office, 206-594-0000

Southwest Regional Office, 360-407-6300

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

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