

PERC Equipment Replacement Fact Sheet

What's the problem?

Perchloroethylene (PERC) dry cleaning solvent and spotting chemicals may contribute to an unhealthy work environment in your dry cleaning shop. PERC-contaminated wastes must be managed as dangerous (offsite disposal at a permitted facility is required).



What can you do?

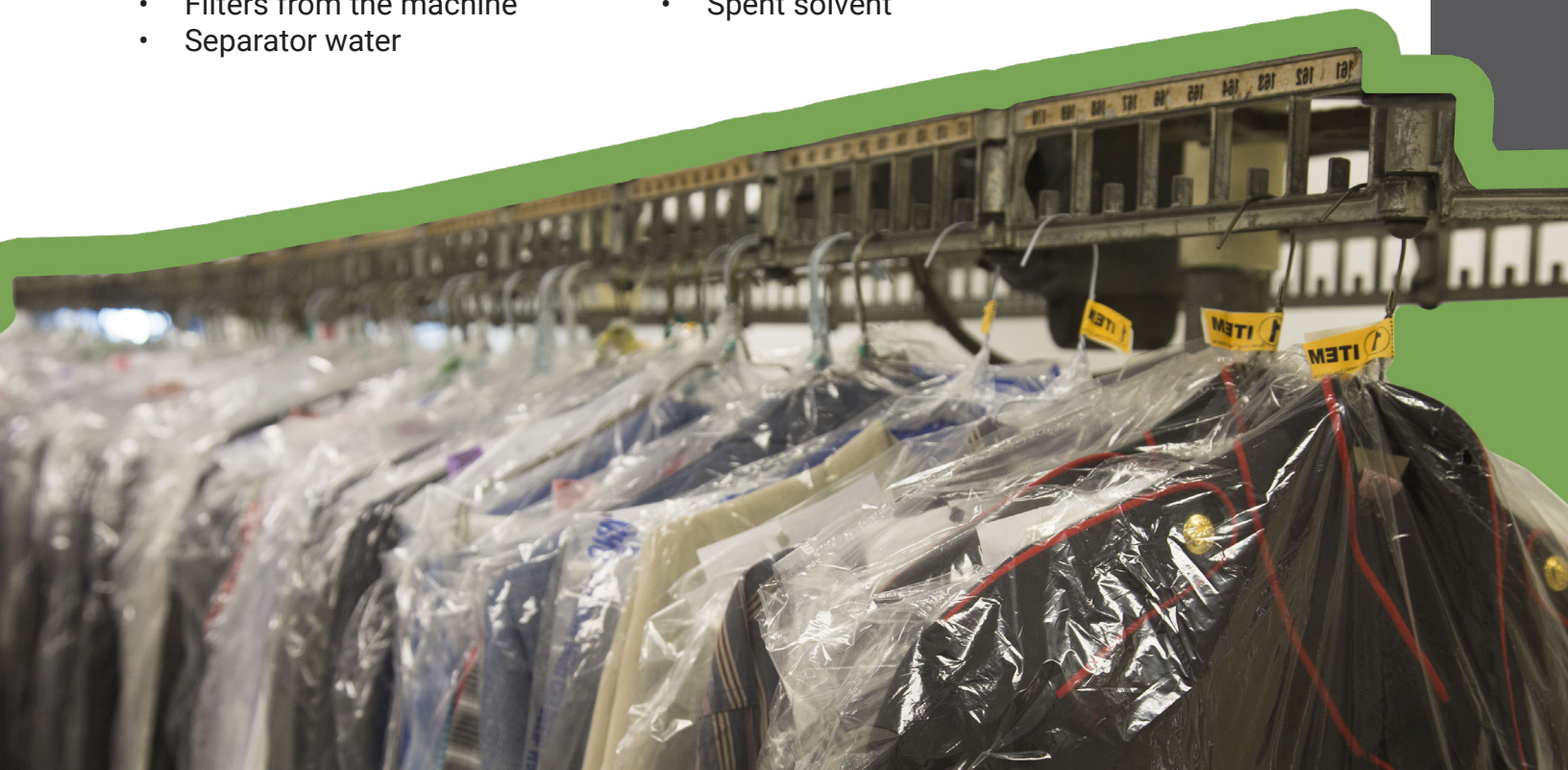
Consider switching out your PERC dry cleaning machine with a less dangerous alternative. Ecology has dedicated funding available for participating dry cleaners through June 2023 for this project.



What products contain PERC?

Spotting chemicals often contain PERC. Waste from the PERC machine is also dangerous and must be disposed of properly, including:

- Sludge waste (aka muck)
- Filters from the machine
- Separator water
- Lint
- Spent solvent



Are there alternatives?

We're offering reimbursements to qualifying shop owners for switching from PERC equipment to a safer alternative:

- Up to \$40,000 to switch to professional wet cleaning.
- Up to \$10,000 to switch to high flash hydrocarbon.

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Accommodation requests

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