## Automotive Degreaser Replacement Fact Sheet

## What's the problem?

Many solvent-based degreasers contain toxic chemicals that are bad for the environment and human health.

Long-term exposure can lead to kidney, liver, or nervous system damage, and cancer. The waste from these products often requires careful management and expensive disposal under hazardous waste regulations.

## What can you do?

You can swap out your parts washer, brake cleaner, or other degreasers for safer alternatives like EPA's Safer Choice products.

Work with us and your supplier to find a less hazardous alternative that works for you. We will reimburse up to \$10,000 depending on the safety of your chosen product.

# What hazardous chemicals are in degreasers?

Many brake cleaners or degreasers contain hazardous chemicals like methylene chloride, toluene, xylene, benzene, or naphthalene. Even less hazardous solvents like petroleum distillates or naptha can still contain carcinogenic impurities.

### Are there alternatives?

#### Auto shops across the state are already using water-based cleaners that are safer for their employees and the environment.

Many shops are able to use water-based products for the majority of their degreasing. Aqueous parts washers range in size from space-saving countertop units to large automatic spray cabinets that can hold more than 1,000 pounds of parts. Some less hazardous solvent-based degreasers are also eligible for reimbursement.

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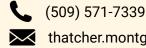
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