



San Francisco Department of Public Health Green Programs

Garment Cleaners Compliance Applicability Guide

Garment Cleaners need to be properly permitted and/or registered to store and use solvents and detergents*. The agencies regulating the use and/or storage of hazardous materials at garment cleaning facilities include SF Fire Department (SFFD), the SF Department of Public Health (SFDPH) Hazardous Materials Unified Program Agency (HMUPA) and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD). The BAAQMD does not regulate wet or CO2 cleaning, but they do regulate cleaners using flammable, combustible and/or Volatile Organic Compounds. The SFFD permits all Dry Cleaning plants (wet and CO2 exempt). See below for specific storage criteria requiring operating permits.

Businesses may need industrial wastewater discharge permits from the SF Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC). All commercial laundries need operating permits from the SF Department of Public Health, Consumer Protection Program. Air compressors require a CalOSHA permit.

For information on alternative garment cleaning methods and how they are regulated in SF see:

http://www.sfenvironment.org/our_programs/interests.html?ssi=2&ti=3&ii=27

***Note:** This is not a complete list of local regulatory requirements.

See detail below for common activities and storage situations that require compliance by your San Francisco facility and where to get compliance help or obtain required permits/registrations.

SFFD, Bureau of Fire Prevention, 698 2nd St, SF, CA 94107 415- 558-3303 www.sf-fire.org

Permits required for:

Dry Cleaning operations

Storage/use of over 25 gallons inside a building of combustible liquids such as hi-flash petroleum solvent, Stoddard, and mineral spirits (Class II and III liquids), and/or over 5 gal (inside) of flammable liquids (Class I)

Storage, use, dispensing, transporting or handling of other hazmats (amounts vary per type)

BAAQMD, Engineering Division, 939 Ellis St, SF, CA 94109 415-771-6000 www.baaqmd.ca.gov

Permits required for perchloroethylene (perc), halogenated solvents and high volume non-halogenated solvents (over 200 gallon/yr); Statewide phase out of perc starting July 1, 2010 with retirement of perc equipment mandated upon reaching the 15 years of age from date of manufacture

Registration only required for non-halogenated solvents including but not limited to: Glycol ethers, Hi-flash petroleum and (D5) Siloxane (e.g. Green Earth)

Halogenated spotting agents such as perc and trichloroethylene (TCE) banned: **purchase** banned July 1, 2009, **use** banned July 1, 2010

SFDPH, HMUPA, 1390 Market St, Ste 210, SF, CA 94102 415-252-3907/415-252-3922

www.sfdph.org/dph/eh/

SF Health & Safety Code, Articles 21, 21A, 22, 24& 25; CA H&SC and CCR

- Over HMUPA thresholds of hazardous materials (55 gal liquid, 500 lbs solid, 200 ct ft gas): compliance certificate required
- Generate any amount of hazardous waste: compliance certificate required
- Universal Waste generation and/or collection: must be handled in accordance with state and/or federal laws

SFDPH- Consumer Protection, 1390 Market St, Ste 210, SF, CA 94102 415-252-3800

www.sfdph.org/dph/eh/

Commercial laundries using water cleaning methods- permit required

SFPUC Wastewater Enterprise, Pretreatment Source Control Program, 3801 3rd St., Ste 600, SF, CA 94124

415- 695-7310 www.sfwater.org

Garment Cleaners including coin operated and dry or wet cleaners

Industrial User Wastewater Discharge Permit (and associated SFPUC inspections) required



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Must comply with Wastewater discharge limits and prohibitions set forth in SF Municipal Code Section 123 of Article 4.1, Chapter X, Part II and DPW Order #158170

Other

- If switching cleaning technologies, call SF Planning Department to determine proper permit: 415-558-6378
- Air Compressor- Dept of Industrial Relations (CalOSHA) permit <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/>
- Noise Restrictions- SFDPH Noise Ordinance; Dept of Industrial Relations (CalOSHA) permit <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/> for worker's noise exposure allowances
- Workers' Compensation Insurance required for all businesses with employees- CA Dept of Industrial Relations Worker's Comp. Division: http://www.dir.ca.gov/dwc/dwc_home_page.htm