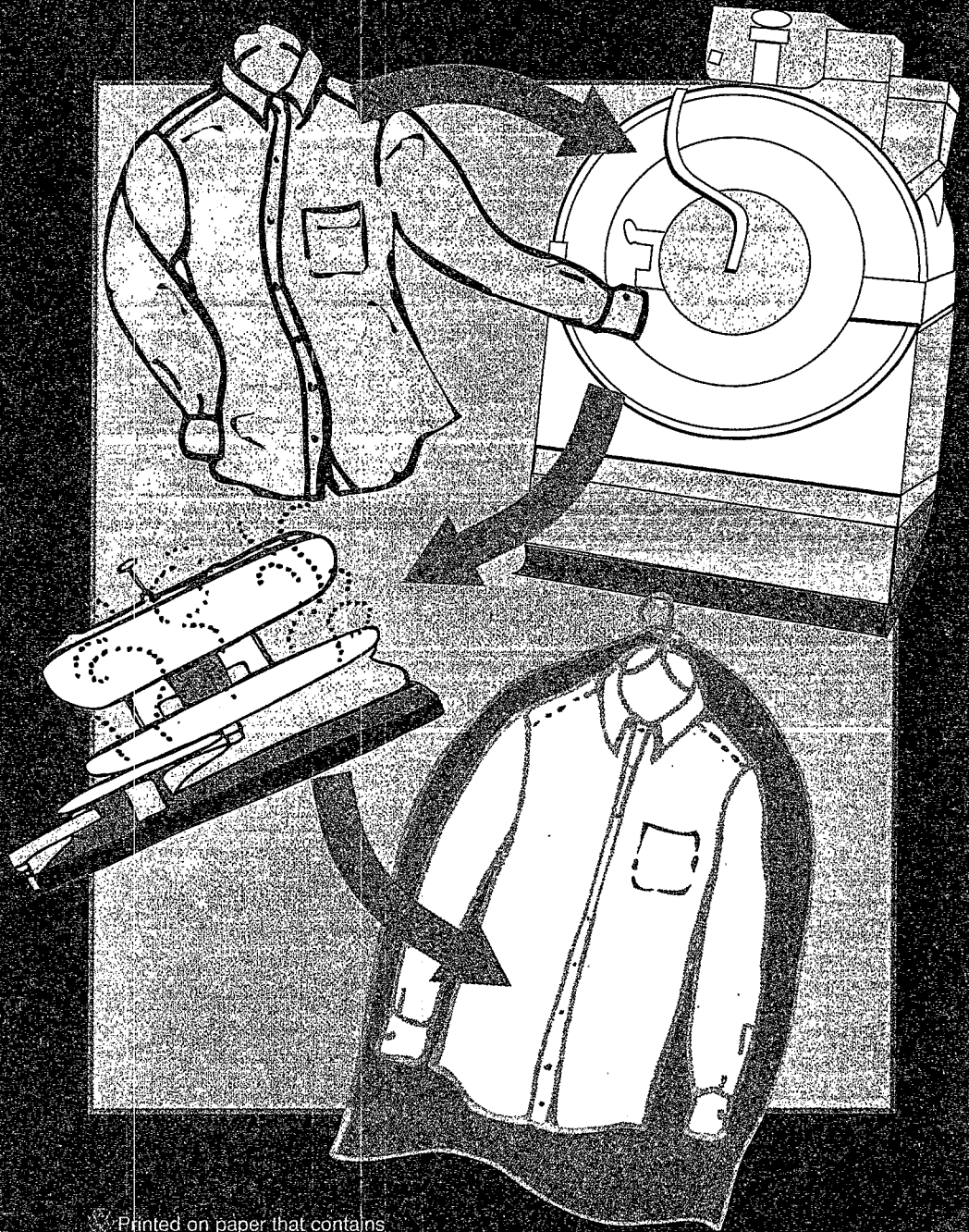
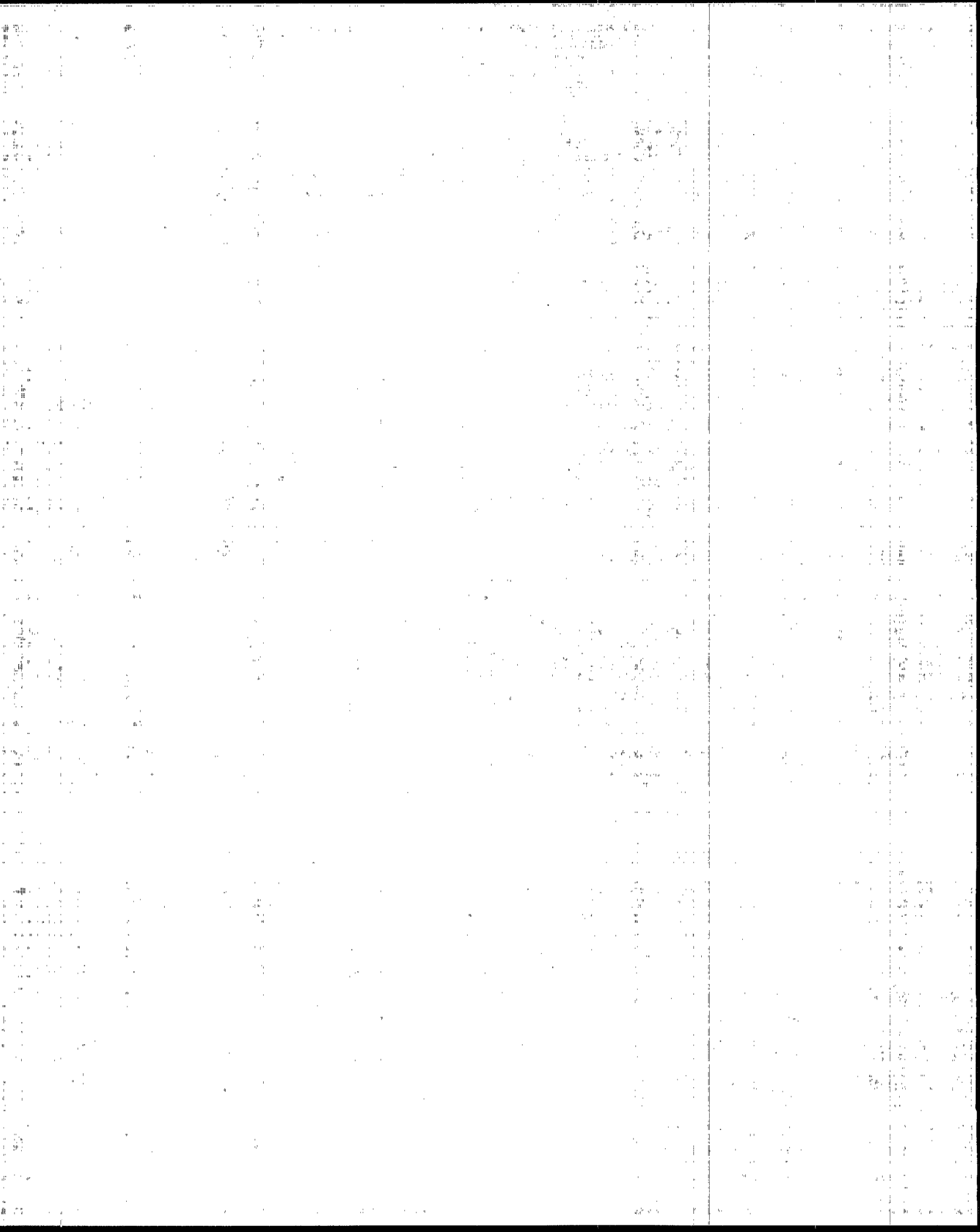




# Wet Cleaning



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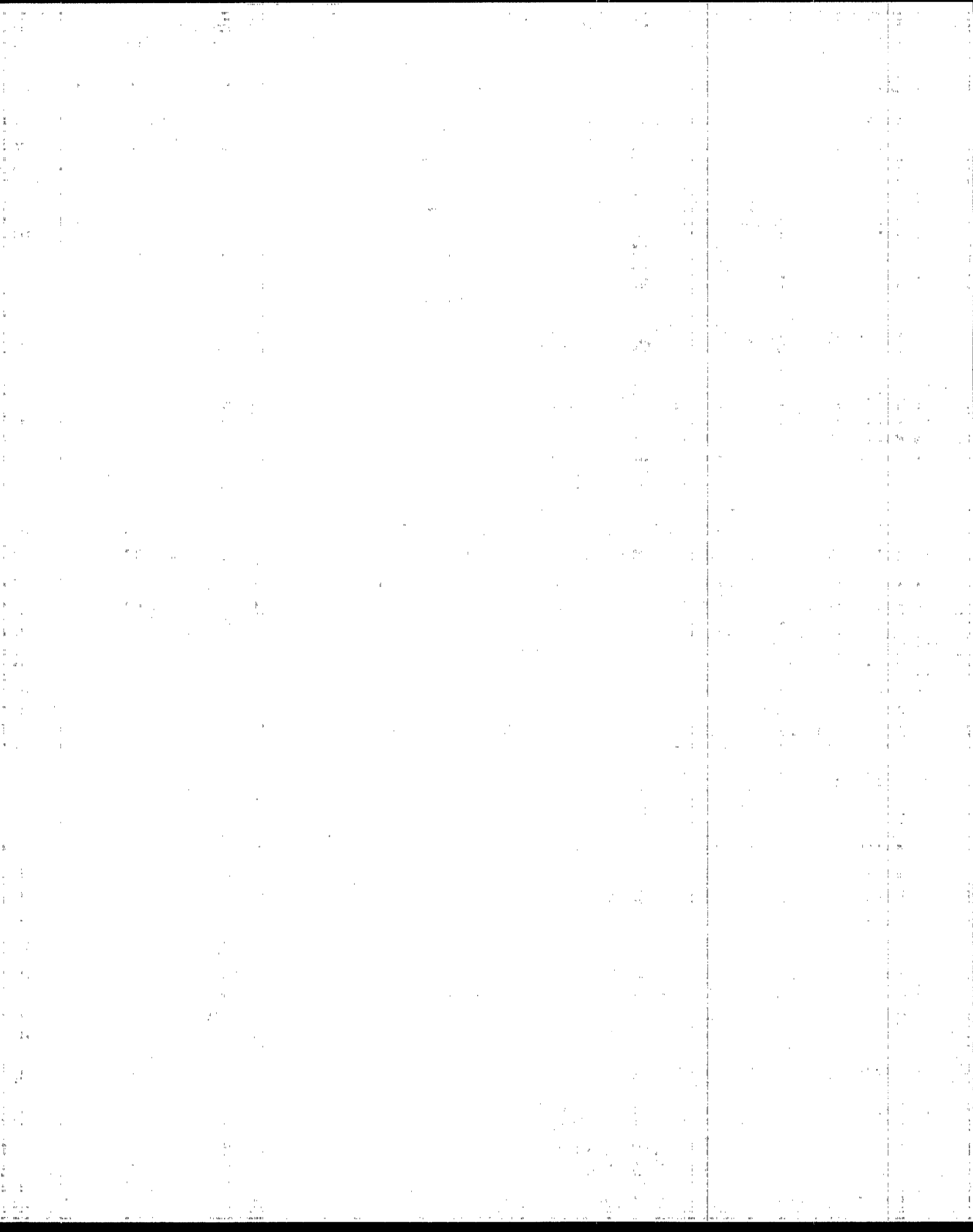
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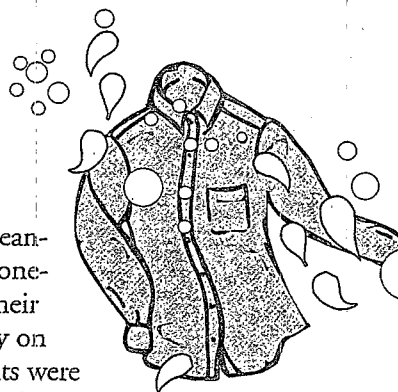
**T**he U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received many inquiries recently about garment cleaners (traditionally known as "dry cleaners") that offer "wet cleaning" services. Wet cleaning is a professional, nontoxic method of cleaning clothes. Unlike conventional dry cleaning, which uses chemical solvents to clean clothes, wet cleaning technologies are water-based. Consumer demand for nontoxic garment cleaning alternatives like wet cleaning is on the rise. This increase is evidenced by the growing number of manufacturers of wet cleaning and other alternative technologies, and by the increasing number of facilities offering wet cleaning services.

This booklet lists over 120 establishments throughout the United States and Canada that currently have wet cleaning capabilities. If you are familiar with cleaners that are not listed in this directory who offer machine wet cleaning services **besides laundry** (see next page for definition), please contact EPA's Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (PPIC) at 202 260-1023. In addition, if you are a consumer or shop owner who uses machine wet cleaning, please write us to share any garment cleaning challenges you encounter or overcome: Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW, (7409), Washington, DC 20460.

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# What Is Wet Cleaning?



**W**et cleaning is a professional garment cleaning technique that uses detergents and water. Professional cleaners in the 1930s and 1940s wet cleaned about one-fourth of all the garments that came through their shops. Back then, wet cleaning was used mostly on natural fiber garments, and dry cleaning solvents were used to clean the remainder. The introduction of specialized, nonflammable solvents in the 1950s, however, allowed cleaners to dry clean virtually any type of fabric, including natural fibers. As a result, wet cleaning was no longer necessary.

Driven by concerns about the toxicity of dry cleaning solvents, recent advances in both wet cleaning technology and garment care have revived wet cleaning as a safe alternative to dry cleaning. Trained cleaners are now able to wet clean many garments that have typically been dry cleaned, such as silks, woolens, linens, suedes, and leathers.

Modern machine wet cleaning uses large, specialized machines to gently wash and dry clothes. These machines may be programmed for many variables, such as mechanical action, water and drying temperature, moisture levels in the dryer, and water and detergent volume. This flexible technology provides cleaners with the controls to administer a customized wet wash suited to a fabric's specific needs.

For example, wet cleaners can set the machines to as few as six revolutions per minute to reduce the stress placed on delicate fabrics during the wash cycle. (In contrast, a typical home washing machine may rotate garments several dozen times per minute.) To safely clean fabrics that can shrink when washed in water and dried, cleaners can increase the amount of water spun out of wet garments after the final rinsing cycle, so that minimal drying is needed. They can also control the temperature and humidity levels during the drying process to prevent shrinkage.

Trained wet cleaners also use other tools to ensure that garments are safely cleaned. For clothes that bleed, cleaners can apply an agent that prevents dye from washing out of garments. New, mild bleaching detergents can be used to remove tough stains without diminishing color. Fabric softeners and finishes can be added during the wet cleaning cycle to restore fabric softness, body, and crispness to garments once they are dried.

## What Is Dry Cleaning?

**D**espite its name, dry cleaning is not totally dry. It involves the use of liquid chemicals called solvents that remove most stains from a variety of fabrics. Because very little water is added, the term "dry cleaning" is used to describe the process. Here is how the process typically works:

- ❖ Dry cleaners usually treat spots by hand before placing garments in large machines.
- ❖ Liquid solvents (such as perchloroethylene or "perc"), detergents, and sometimes a small amount of water are added to the machines. The machines then tumble clothes in a manner similar to laundromat washing machines to remove dirt, oil, and stains.
- ❖ Once clean, the clothes are either dried in the same machine or moved to a separate dryer, then pressed and shaped.
- ❖ After several washings, the used solvent is distilled to separate the solvent from water so it can be recycled. Distillation also separates out any waste residues such as detergents, dye, dirt, oil, and grease so the solvent can be reused. Instead of distillation, some machines use filters to clean used solvent after washings.
- ❖ Because they contain traces of perc, filters and residues left over from purifying used solvent must be managed and disposed of as hazardous waste. Most dry cleaners send these materials to special facilities for recycling or incineration.

Because the dry cleaning process uses only a small amount of water, garments are not subjected to the same conditions as those clothes that are immersed and agitated in water. Although modern wet cleaning machines have eliminated most of the problems that can occur, certain fabrics can shrink, dyes can bleed, and fabric texture can be altered when washed in water. Dry cleaning, however, can also adversely affect some fabrics. In short, neither method is perfect. The main difference between the two technologies is that while dry cleaning relies on toxic solvents such as perc to clean clothes, wet cleaning machines use water and specialized, nontoxic detergents that present less risk to human health and the environment.

# Is Wet Cleaning an All-Out Substitute to Dry Cleaning?

Cleaners using state-of-the-art wet cleaning technologies are able to clean at least 30 percent and up to 100 percent of all garments that are typically dry cleaned. Studies underway will help to better determine the percentage of clothes that can feasibly be wet cleaned. As the technology matures, that number will continue to rise. Dry cleaning, however, remains the most widely-used method of large-scale garment cleaning.

## Does Wet Cleaning Involve Laundering and Hand Washing?

For years, professional cleaners have been using methods such as conventional laundering and hand washing in addition to dry cleaning. While these processes are both water-based and require cleaners to know which fabrics need special treatment, they are not the same as wet cleaning. Laundering uses standard washing and drying machines to clean certain nondelicate garments that normally would NOT be dry cleaned, such as cotton slacks and shirts. Hand washing is labor-intensive and therefore limited to the most delicate garments such as silk and dyed fabrics. Machine wet cleaning, on the other hand, is an environmentally-friendly, high-volume method of cleaning clothes that would typically be dry cleaned.

*I think if people would try having their clothes wet cleaned, they'd love the results. I'm just amazed at how good the sweaters come out, so fluffy and soft. As cleaners, we need to prepare our businesses for the future, and wet cleaning is a good way to do just that.*

— Mary Wells, 1 Hour Koretizing,  
Rocky Mount, NC

## How Is EPA Involved With Wet Cleaning?

Since 1992, EPA has been working with the dry cleaning industry to reduce exposure to perc. Because of potential health and environmental concerns associated with perc, EPA formed a partnership with the dry cleaning industry and public interest groups to minimize perc exposures and evaluate alternative technologies through its Design for the Environment (DfE) Program.

As part of this voluntary partnership, DfE initiated a Cleaner Technologies Substitutes Assessment (CTSA) with the dry cleaning industry to examine existing pollution control technologies, solvent substitutes, and alternative cleaning processes. A CTSA is an in-depth study that evaluates the cost, performance, and environmental and health risks of given technologies and weighs their associated "tradeoffs." Wet cleaning is one such alternative technology that has shown significant promise in the areas of performance, profitability, the environment, health, and customer satisfaction.

To date, DfE and its partners have conducted a study to test and compare wet cleaning and dry cleaning. The initial results indicate that wet cleaning is cost-effective and in many instances performs as well as or better than dry cleaning. Additional data on machine wet cleaning and other alternative technologies are being gathered with the help of demonstration projects.

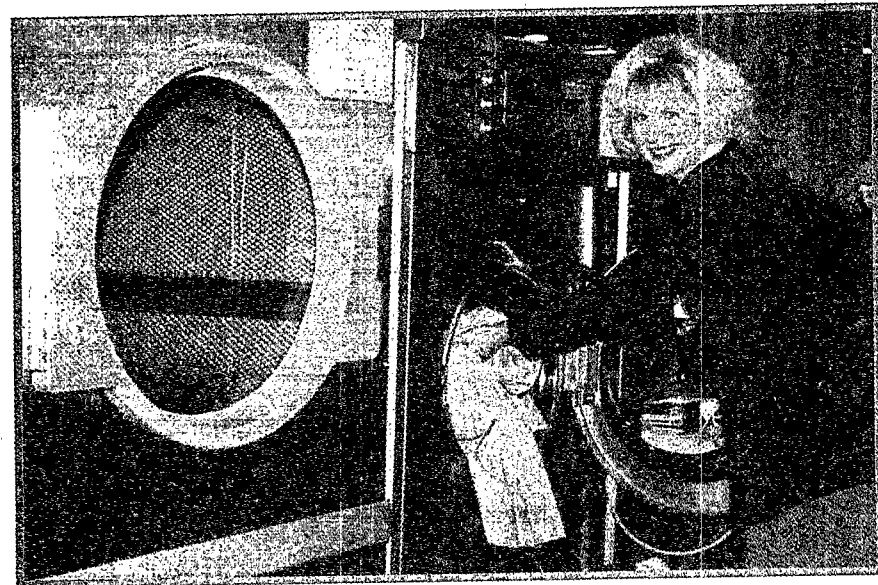


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- ❖ **Demonstration Sites**—Two wet cleaning demonstration sites have been established to collect information on performance, cost, and customer satisfaction. The sites mirror typical neighborhood dry cleaning shops and offer dry cleaners the opportunity to observe wet cleaning techniques under long-term, "real-world" conditions. Demonstration sites in Chicago, Illinois, and Los Angeles, California, are both operational. A final report on the demonstration sites is available from the Center for Neighborhood Technology at 312 278-4800.

As part of its research, DfE has undertaken these additional initiatives to evaluate and promote alternative cleaning methods:

- ❖ **Pollution Prevention/Waste Minimization Manual for Dry Cleaners**—DfE is developing a manual for dry cleaners offering technical information on waste minimization, better work practices, and pollution prevention opportunities. In addition to this information, the manual contains financial analysis worksheets and case studies designed to help cleaners track the cost of process and equipment changes.
- ❖ **Training Program**—To encourage the design and operation of "greener" cleaning facilities, EPA is sponsoring the development of a curriculum and related workshops to train professional cleaners to reduce their use of solvents. The course focuses on alternative cleaning technologies, particularly garment wet cleaning, and includes sections on economics, worker health and safety, and liability issues.

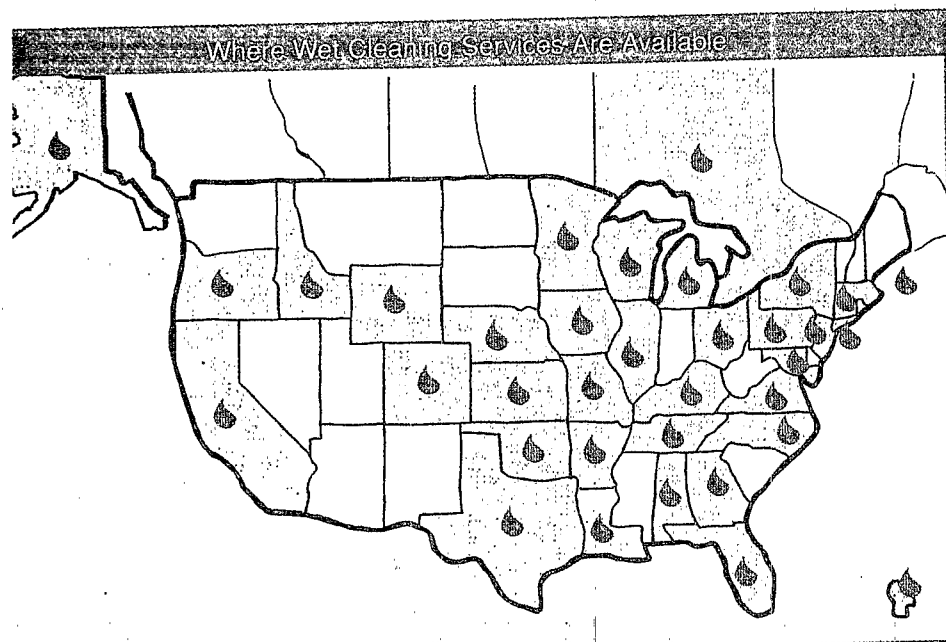
*Take an article of clothing that has been dry cleaned over and over again, wet clean that same garment maybe two to three times, and afterwards, you'll see a difference. Wet cleaning restores color in the clothes.*

— Diane Casey, Casey's Cleaners, Parma, OH

*When customers come into the store, they see signs indicating that we offer wet cleaning, and they specify that they want this service. On the whole, wet cleaning has produced cleaner, fresher looking clothes for my customers.* —Myeong-Ho Lowe, Utopia Cleaners, Arlington, MA

## Clothes Cleaning Establishments That Can Offer Wet Cleaning Services

The following is a list of professional clothes cleaning establishments with the ability to provide wet cleaning services. Companies are listed alphabetically by state and country. While all of the shops listed have the capability to perform wet cleaning, they may not actually be providing this service to their customers at this time.



This list is based on research conducted by EPA, the Center for Neighborhood Technology, and Greenpeace. For a current listing of wet cleaners, consult the Greenpeace web page at: <http://www.greenpeace.org/~usa/campaigns/toxics/wetlist.html>

### ALABAMA

Watkins Cleaners  
484 Montgomery Highway  
Birmingham, AL 35216  
Danny Watkins  
05 823-0874

### ALABAMA

Watkins Cleaners  
715 28th Avenue, South  
Birmingham, AL 35206  
John Watkins  
.05 879-7951

### ALASKA

One-Hour Martinizing  
2042 East Northern Lights  
Anchorage, AK 99508  
Don Adamson  
907 279-8041

### ARKANSAS

Schickel's Cleaners  
2723 Foxcroft, #201  
Little Rock, AR 72227  
Lou and Teri Schickel  
501 225-7807  
4 locations

## CALIFORNIA

Cleaner By Nature  
2407 Wilshire Boulevard  
Santa Monica, CA 90403  
Debra Davis  
310 315-1520  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Cleaner 2000  
18572B Prospect Road  
Saratoga, CA 95070  
Abe and Mona Afshari  
408 366-1700  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Fazio Cleaners  
11702 San Vincente Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90039  
Angel Chicas  
310 820-0469

Flair Cleaners, Inc.  
11702 San Vincente Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90049  
Steve Fazio  
310 820-0469

Forever Treasured  
10049 Rubio Avenue  
Granada Hills, CA 91343  
Lynda Valenti  
818 360-9943  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning  
Wedding gowns only

Mother Earth Cleaners  
4721 Geary Street  
San Francisco, CA 94118  
John Wolohan  
415 751-2822

Natural Cleaners, Inc.  
12749 Ventura Boulevard  
Studio City, CA 91604  
Edward Sidi  
818 985-9019  
2 locations

The Natural Valet  
17451 Nichols Street, Suite J  
Huntingdon Beach, CA 92647  
Allison Grossman  
714 841-9229  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Nature's Cleaners  
172 West Foothills Boulevard  
Monrovia, CA 91016  
Sam Alem  
818 357-8592  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Porteranch Cleaners  
19450 Rinaldi Street.  
North Ridge, CA 91326  
Nick Tirabassi  
818 368-7474

Union French Cleaners  
1718 Union Street  
San Francisco, CA 94123  
Young Kim  
415 923-1212

## COLORADO

Morrison Suede & LeatherWorks  
401 East 17th Avenue, Unit C  
Denver, CO 80203  
Jim Orlin  
303 894-9911

Papa Joe's  
728 South Main Street  
Walsenburg, CO 81089  
Sal D'ambrofia  
719 738-2044  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Paradise Cleaners  
10 East Colfax  
Denver, CO 80206  
Gregory Geller  
33 399-0507  
2 locations citywide

CONNECTICUT  
Somat  
57 Main Street  
Bridgefield, CT 06877  
Annette Bedini  
33 894-1616  
10 Percent Wet Cleaning

Are Elegance  
240 Post Road, East  
Westport, CT 06880  
Mike Weisel  
33 221-7448  
locations

FLORIDA  
CME Cleaners  
800 North Westmoreland  
Orlando, FL 32805  
M Parham  
07 841-2301

Dryclean 2000  
262 North Congress Avenue  
Boynton Beach, FL 33426  
Robert Leduc  
61 737-1114

Orange Blossom Garment Care  
835 SW. Sunset Drive, Unit 101  
Miami, FL 33173  
Ruth Wendenburg  
05 271-8233

GEORGIA  
Carriage Cleaners  
126 Johnson Ferry Road  
Atlanta, GA 30328  
Gary Branch  
404 255-8688

Custom Cleaners  
202 East Town Center  
East Ellijay, GA 30539  
Jerry Hensley  
706 635-5353

K.S. Personal Touch  
2014 Powers Ferry Road,  
Suite 200  
Atlanta, GA 30339  
John Pak  
770 690-0304

McAbee Cleaners  
320 East First Avenue  
Rome, GA 30161  
Terry McAbee  
706 291-0001

Pleasant Hill Cleaners  
4300 Pleasant Hill Road, Unit F  
Duluth, GA 30136  
Louis Huitz  
770 418-1131

Professional Cleaners  
6018 Sandy Springs Circle  
Atlanta, GA 30328  
David Galsuha  
404 255-2146

Three D's Cleaners and Laundry  
1865 Thompson Bridge Road  
Gainesville, GA 30501  
Danny Dunagan  
770 534-2172

Town Cleaners  
5885 Cummings Highway,  
Suite 406  
Sugar Hill, GA 30518  
Tom and SonYe Pak  
770 614-8656

## IDAHO

Family Cleaners  
163 Main Street  
Gooding, ID 83330  
Carolyn Warner  
208 934-5892

## ILLINOIS

The Greener Cleaner  
5312 North Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60613  
Anne Hargrove  
312 784-8429  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Lansing Cleaners, Inc.  
18210 Torrence Avenue  
Lansing, IL 60438  
Tom Ustanik  
708 474-2459

Reed's Cleaners  
7659 South Ashland Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60620  
Eric Jones  
773 994-1289

Regent Cleaners  
3000 North Broadway  
Chicago, IL 60613  
Fred and John Barry  
773 348-5510

Smart Look Cleaners  
10301 South Roberts Road  
Palos Hills, IL 60465  
Brian Niven  
708 599-8059

## IOWA

Colfax Cleaners  
23 East Howard Street  
Colfax, IA 50054  
Monty Beals  
515 674-3404

Huxley Cleaners  
109 South Main-Old Town  
Huxley, IA 50124  
Dennis Severson  
515 597-2331

Nature's Way Cleaners  
500 Blairs Ferry Road, NE.  
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402  
Rick Braden  
319 395-6777

Wagner's Cleaners  
2525 18th Street  
Bettendorf, IA 52722  
Ken Vandersnick  
319 355-5659  
2 locations

## KANSAS

Lee's Cleaners  
1110 West 31st Street  
Wichita, KS 67217  
Lee Gieseke  
316 522-2391

## KENTUCKY

Highland Cleaners  
2455 Bardstown Road  
Louisville, KY 40205  
Vivian Marcian  
502 454-4641

## LOUISIANA

#1 Cleaners  
5038 West Esplanade Avenue  
Metairie, LA 70006  
Claude W. Foreman, Jr.  
504 455-0096

New Concept Cleaners  
401 Focis Street  
Metairie, LA 70005  
Frank Boazman  
504 835-6531

issell's Cleaners  
01 Tulane Avenue  
ew Orleans, LA 70119  
chard Bauer  
4 482-3153

utton's Cleaners  
24 Government Street  
ton Rouge, LA 70806  
orman Sutton  
4 344-4968

**MARYLAND**  
dmiral Cleaners  
North Taylor Avenue  
napolis, MD 21401  
ort Kerridge  
0 295-0234

estige...Exceptional Fabricare  
20 Georgia Avenue  
lver Spring, MD 20910  
1 Boorstein  
01 588-0333

**MASSACHUSETTS**  
orner Cleaners  
301 Washington Street  
ewton, MA 02165  
7 969-1711

elly Green Cleaners  
56 Hyde Park Avenue  
maica Plain, MA 02130  
tty and Stan Kelly  
7 522-5961

loonie's Cleaners  
33 Bowdoin Street  
orchester, MA 02122  
e Lewis  
17 282-1046

atrick Cleaners  
3 Watson Street  
atrick, MA 01760  
ill Kourtis  
38 655-8200

Nature's Cleaners  
5 Campbell Road  
North Andover, MA 01942  
David Nobil  
508 975-9995  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Panda Cleaners  
155 State Street  
Newburyport, MA 01950  
Sylvan Menezes  
508 499-1735  
4 locations

Utopia Cleaners  
1370 Massachusetts Avenue  
Arlington, MA 02174  
Myeong-Ho Lowe  
617 648-4783  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Wayside Cleaners  
90 Linden Street  
Waltham, MA 02154  
Seth Campbell  
617 894-7732

**MICHIGAN**  
Clothes Depot of Romulus  
37500 West Huron River Road  
Romulus, MI 48174  
Milton Budzinski  
313 941-7033

Curtis Equipment  
450 Michigan, NE.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503  
John Curtis  
616 897-9810  
3 locations

Executive Cleaners  
28829 Hoover Road  
Warren, MI 49331  
Gary Richards  
810 574-0959

## MINNESOTA

Colonial Cleaners

3701 Lyndale Avenue, South  
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Soo Chang

612 823-8095

Double Dimension

313 North Minnesota, South  
New Ulm, MN 56073

Ann Olsen

507 359-7630

100 Percent Wet Cleaning

East Metro Clean & Press

1183 Geneva Avenue, North  
Oakdale, MN 55128

Dan Clausen

612 738-6572

Saint Croix Cleaners

5850 Omaha Avenue, North  
Stillwater, MN 55082

Dave Schaff

612 439-9501

Temple Cleaners

628 11th St. E

Glencoe, MN 55336

Brian Grochow

320 864-4317

Waconia Cleaners & Laundry

209 West First Street

Waconia, MN 55387

Keane Raether

612 442-2105

## MISSOURI

Lee's Summit Cleaners

316 South Douglas

Lee Summit, MO 64063

Merritt Gano

816 524-3544

4 locations

## NEBRASKA

Fashion Cleaners

3031 Leavenworth Street

Omaha, NE 68105

Kermit Engh

402 342-3491

2 locations

Globe/Fabricare Center

4831 Normal Boulevard

Lincoln, NE 68506

Barbara Burr

402 488-5374

10 locations

## NEW JERSEY

Linders French Cleaners

130 Morristown Road

Bernardsville, NJ 07924

David Lafer and Allan Shapiro

908 766-6404

Royal Cleaning Specialists

65 West Somerset Street

Raritan, NJ 08869

Kevin Parella

908 707-8383

## NEW YORK

Baris Cleaners

48 Saint Paul Street

Rochester, NY 14604

Debbie Freeman

716 325-2286

Crown Cleaners

627 Columbia Turnpike

East Greenbush, NY 12061

Felix Dumbrowski

518 477-4607

Ecomat Cleaners & Laundromat

Ecofranchising, Inc.

140 West 72nd Street

New York, NY 10023

Laine Wilder

212 362-2300

100 Percent Wet Cleaning

mbassy Cleaners  
895 Palmer Avenue  
armont, NY 10538  
William Stern  
14 834-2700

nviro Tech  
005 Palmer Avenue  
archmont, NY 10538  
David Burachio  
14 833-7500

Hollywood Cleaners  
910 Flatlands Avenue  
brooklyn, NY 11236  
Aurim Lee  
18 251-3063

Leary's Cleaners  
256 Monroe Avenue  
Rochester, NY 14618  
Daniel Small  
16 586-4403

Manhattan Valet West  
30 West 76th Street  
New York, NY 10023  
Anthony Burachio  
12 721-2480

Meurice Garment Care  
20 Park Avenue  
Manhasset, NY 11030  
Wayne Edelman  
16 627-6060  
2 locations

Pamper  
505 Plainview Road  
Plainview, NY 11803  
Joe Penestri  
16 681-5040  
3 locations

Sunny Hi-Tec Cleaners  
800 Montauk Highway  
Shirley, NY 11967  
Suung Kim  
516 281-1666

**NORTH CAROLINA**  
1 Hour Koretizing  
202 Falls Road  
Rocky Mount, NC 27801  
Mary Wells  
919 977-1610

A Cleaner World  
2321 Davis Drive  
Cary, NC 27511  
Jamie Kelly, CED  
919 461-1722

Quality Laundry & Cleaners  
238 Tarboro Street  
Rocky Mount, NC 27801  
Herb Hopkins  
919 446-7116  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Wilmington Specialty Cleaners  
56 Darlington Road  
Wilmington, NC 28403  
Ralph Lockwood  
910 763-7695

**OHIO**  
Bowser Cleaners  
8600 Glenwood Avenue  
Boardman, OH 44512  
Bill Bowser  
330 758-7456

Casey's Cleaners  
5425 State Road  
Parma, OH 44135  
Diane Casey  
216 351-3600  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning



London Cleaners  
26163 Chardon Road  
Richmond Heights, OH 44143  
Bill Richle  
216 731-3344

Widmens Dry Cleaning Specialists  
2016 Madison Road  
Cincinnati, OH 45208  
Steve Darico  
513 321-5100

## OKLAHOMA

Northside Laundry & Cleaners  
402 South Main Street  
Stillwater, OK 74074  
Anne Hacker  
405 372-0644

## OREGON

Campus Cleaners  
1465 Siskiyau Boulevard  
Ashland, OR 97520  
Ruth Fleming and George Strock  
541 482-2281

Central Oregon Dry Cleaners  
415 SE. Third Street  
Bend, OR 97701  
Alan Albertini  
541 389-2140

Hubbard Cleaners  
3362 D Street  
Hubbard, OR 97032  
Marlys Peterson  
503 982-0524

Oldham's Classic Cleaners  
102 South Baker  
McMinnville, OR 97128  
Shauna Oldham  
503 472-7724  
100 Percent Wet Cleaning

Prestige Cleaners  
2345 NW. Stewart Parkway  
Roseburg, OR 97470  
Sid Leiken  
541 440-1533

Town & Country Cleaners  
7561-C Crator Lake Highway  
White City, OR 97503  
Dorene West  
541 826-5484

We-Clean  
2795 Anderson Avenue, Suite 32  
Klamath Falls, OR 97603  
Ron Isakon  
541 883-3565

## PENNSYLVANIA

Cleaner Services  
2035 North 63rd Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19151  
Gary Mosley  
215 477-2201

E.J.B. Industries  
913 First Avenue  
Conway, PA 15027  
John Budavich  
412 869-8204  
6 locations

Lionville Cleaners  
140 Eagleview Boulevard  
Lionville, PA 19353  
Devidas Parmer  
610 534-0661

Michael's Cleaners  
1126 South Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19146  
215 546-8171

## TENNESSEE

Crescent Cleaners  
685 Quince Street, #101  
Memphis, TN 38119  
Russ Jacobs  
901 753-7334

Crossroad Cleaners  
6673 Maynardville Highway  
Knoxville, TN 37913  
Fred Scalf  
623 925-4000

## TEXAS

Atomic Cleaners  
1395 Franklin Street  
Beaumont, TX 77701  
Rock Barry  
409 835-5555

Texas Research Center for Laundry  
and Dry Cleaning  
Texas Woman's University  
P.O. Box 425529  
Denton, TX 76204  
Charles Riggs  
817 898-2670

## VIRGINIA

The Cleaners  
790 Hawthorne Drive  
Norton, VA 24273  
Don Green  
540 679-1500

Imperial Gown Restoration Co.  
2814-C Merrilee Drive  
Fairfax, VA 22031  
Steven Saidman  
703 573-8989

McLean Drapery & Rug Cleaning Co.  
1407 Chain Bridge Road  
McLean, VA 22101  
Dale Mullane  
703 356-5321

Row Cleaners  
1321 Memorial Boulevard  
Martinsville, VA 24112  
Alvin Oakes  
540 632-5572

## WISCONSIN

Leather Rich, Inc.  
1250 Corporate Center  
Oconomowoc, WI 53066  
Ron Kantor  
800 236-6996

Valer Cleaners  
3825 Durand Avenue  
Racine, WI 53405  
Gary Becker  
414 554-6966

## WYOMING

Elite Cleaners and Tailors  
1026 East Pershing  
Cheyenne, WY 82001  
Dot Anderson  
307 638-8901

## WASHINGTON, DC

District Fur Storage  
33 Patterson Street, NE.  
Washington, DC 20002  
Ali Ghobadi  
202 898-4160

## BAHAMAS

Princess Tower Hotel  
P.O. Box F-2623  
Freeport, Grand Bahama  
Elvina McIntosh  
442 352-9661 ext. 4268

## CANADA

Blondie Cleaners  
909 Riverside Drive, East  
Windsor, ON N9A 2T5  
Canada  
Dick Rivard  
519 254-4364

Buttons and Bows  
3850 Finch East  
Toronto, ON  
Canada  
Jagdish Hattiangadi  
416 754-2136

Careful Hand Laundry  
195 Davenport Road  
Toronto, ON M5R 1J1  
Canada  
Brian Chelsky  
416 923-1200

Fabtech Dry Cleaners  
Unit 690  
3147 Douglas Street  
Victoria, BC V8Z 6E3  
Canada  
George Bradasch  
250 385-8244  
3 locations

Finchdale Cleaners  
2578 Finch Avenue W.  
Weston, ON M9M 2G3  
Canada  
Yazdi Kharwanwala  
416 741-2536

Green World Cleaners  
204 Carlton Street  
Toronto, ON M5A 2L1  
Canada  
Cleveland Smith  
416 960-8485

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## For More Information

The following publications on dry and wet cleaning can be obtained, at no charge, from EPA's Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse (PPIC) at:

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Many of these documents can also be found on EPA's homepage at: <http://www.epa.gov/docs/dfe/dryclean>.

- ❖ *Design for the Environment: Dry Cleaning Project* (EPA744-F93-004). This fact sheet provides an up-to-date description of EPA's Dry Cleaning Partnership and research efforts.
- ❖ *Multiprocess Wet Cleaning: Cost and Performance Comparison of Conventional Dry Cleaning and An Alternative Process* (EPA744-R-93-004). A technical report summarizing research on performance and costs of multiprocess wet cleaning and dry cleaning.
- ❖ *Summary of a Report on Multiprocess Wet Cleaning* (EPA744-S-94-001). This booklet explains the results of the initial research comparing multiprocess wet cleaning and dry cleaning.
- ❖ *Resource Guide for Dry Cleaners* (EPA744-K-96-004). This booklet provides a variety of resources on topics affecting the dry cleaning industry, including publications, Internet resources, trade associations, and EPA Regional contacts.
- ❖ *Chemicals in the Environment: Perchloroethylene* (EPA749-F-94-020). This brochure explains what perchloroethylene is, how it is used, and what happens once it enters the environment.
- ❖ *Profile of the Dry Cleaning Industry* (EPA310-R-95-001). This document provides summary information on the dry cleaning industry and refers to other in-depth resources.

This booklet is part of a series of EPA publications on dry cleaning issues and concerns, alternative clothes cleaning technologies, and research initiatives. To receive additional information or to learn more about EPA's efforts, contact EPA's Pollution Prevention Information Clearinghouse at 202 260-1023.



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