

Dry cleaning is not 'dry'

In conventional dry cleaning, your clothes are immersed and cleaned using a liquid solvent. The traditional dry cleaning solvent, perchloroethylene (perc), is a known carcinogen with long-term health effects which is why many dry cleaners are moving away from Perc. But being Perc-free doesn't mean a dry cleaner is using a completely safe alternative. The hydrocarbon solvents used as common substitutes to Perc often contain carcinogens like benzene and are known to be neurotoxicants and skin and respiratory irritants capable of aggravating asthma and other respiratory problems. Another alternative, GreenEarth®, contains a chemical that is a suspected carcinogen and reproductive toxicant.

'Organic' or 'eco-friendly' dry cleaners - still not safe

Garment cleaners that advertise their services as eco-friendly, biodegradable, green, natural or non-toxic might not be what they claim to be. Traditional dry cleaning solvents have been known to cause cancer, reproductive harm and damage to the liver, kidneys and nervous system. In addition toxicological data are lacking for some of the alternatives, particularly the new acetal-based system, making the current human health assessment incomplete.

Wet cleaning is the safest option for consumers, dry cleaners and communities

Professional Wet Cleaning has been identified by the State of California and the respected Massachusetts' Toxics Use Reduction Institute as a truly environmentally friendly, non-air polluting technology that is the safest choice for "Dry Clean Only" garments. In fact both states provide financial grants to dry cleaners to make the switch to wet cleaning. Wet Cleaning uses small quantities of water together with special detergents in computer-controlled machines. Once cleaned, the detergents and water are safe to flush down the drain. Other solvents require special handling and Perc residues have to be treated as hazardous

Wet cleaning will not shrink or damage clothes

Wet cleaning leaves garments smelling fresh, with no shrinkage or harmful residues. Professional wet cleaners can handle all types of clothing including men's suits, fine silk dresses, goose down jackets and cashmere sweaters. Experienced wet cleaners inspect and finish the cleaning process by using tensioning and pressing equipment to achieve exceptional quality results.

Find a professional wet cleaner near you

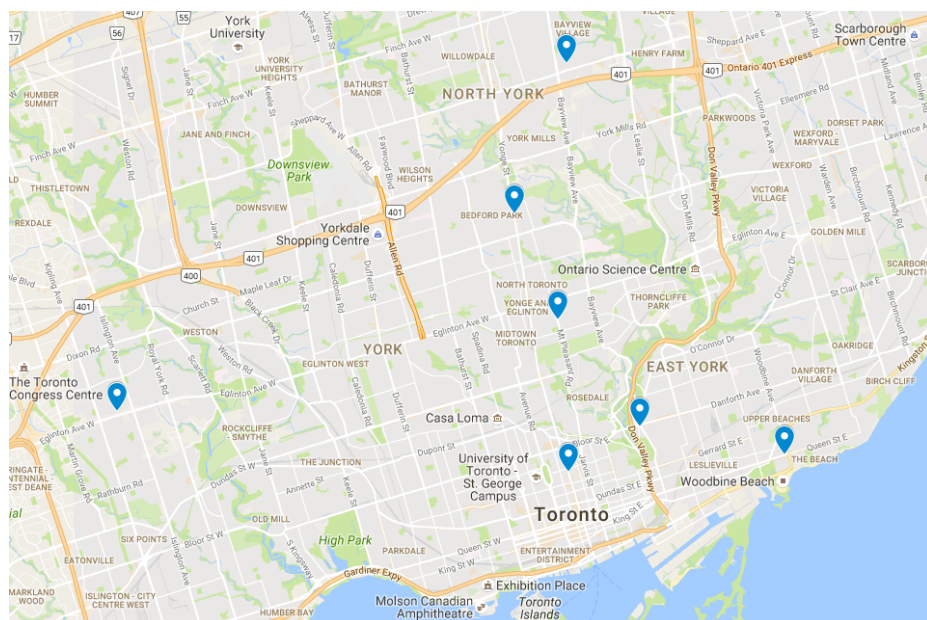
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TEA has found 7 professional wet cleaners in Toronto that do 100% of their cleaning with no toxic chemical solvents. Visit TEA's online map for more information.



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