

Tetrachlorethylene (Use in Dry Cleaning and Reporting Requirements) Regulations

PERC Pointer #1 Cover Waste Containers



Reducing PERC Releases

What?

You must store all tetrachloroethylene (PERC), including waste water and residue (e.g. sludge, lint and used filters), in closed containers, such as containers with lids.

How?

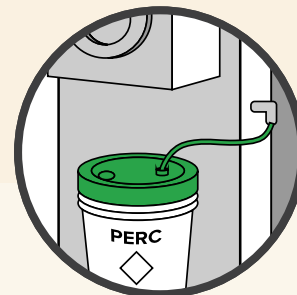
PERC, waste water and residue must be stored in closed containers at all times, except when temporary access is needed for proper operation or maintenance, such as for the removal of the residue.

The button trap, lint trap and still are parts of a dry-cleaning machine that may contain PERC residue. This means they must be closed at all times, except when temporary access is needed.

Why?

Lids are important to reduce workplace hazards, prevent unnecessary contact with PERC, and reduce the risks of environmental contamination with PERC (into the air, soil or water).

PERC is harmful to plants, causes ground and surface water contamination, and poses a health threat to humans if not safely handled. When these substances are stored on site, there is a risk for accidents, spills or leaks. These risks can be minimized by closing lids, using secondary containment, and with the regular treatment or transportation of waste.



For more information, please see our website: www.canada.ca/perc-dry-cleaning



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www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/services/canadian-environmental-protection-act-registry/publications/compliance-enforcement-policy.html

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