

# Instructions for Completing and Posting Consumer Choices: Professional Garment Cleaning Sign

## Complete the Sign by Indicating which Solvents You Use

1. Check the white box (or boxes) in the column marked "This Cleaner Uses" for each solvent used in your establishment. Use a bold, clearly visible check mark (**✓**) or **X** to mark the box. Do not make any other marks on the sign. If you use more than one solvent at your establishment, check all boxes that apply. (See Sample at right)
2. If you are unsure of which solvent box you must check, use the table below to determine your solvent.

Cleaner Trade Name	Solvent ( <i>check this box</i> )
<b>ExxonMobil DF-2000</b> <b>Chevron Philips EcoSolv®</b> <b>Sasol (LPA-142)</b> <b>DC-142</b> <b>Sensene™</b>	HYDROCARBON
<b>Green Earth® (SB-32)</b> <b>Green Earth® GEC-5</b>	SILOXANE
<b>SolvonK4™</b>	BUTYLAL

Sample



Suffolk County  
Department of Health  
Services

Consumer Choices:  
Professional Garment Cleaning

This Cleaner Uses

Human Health Factors

Environmental Factors

Solvents <sup>1</sup>			
Liquid Carbon Dioxide			
Wet Cleaning <sup>2</sup>			X
Wet Cleaning <sup>3</sup>			
Butylal			
Siloxane			
Hydrocarbon			
Perchloroethylene			X

**Notes:**

1. Solvents listed are those approved by NYSDC as of December 2017, and used in Suffolk County

2. off-site discharge, or on-site discharge with NYSDC SPDES permit

3. on-site discharge without a NYSDC SPDES permit

In order to help consumers make an informed choice, Suffolk County Local Law 25-2016 requires that this sign be posted in every Professional Garment Cleaning Establishment at the following locations:  
- in the window of the establishment, visible to persons outside the establishment, and  
- near or behind the counter and clearly visible to anyone entering the establishment

For more information visit:  
[www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/HealthServices/GarmentCleaning.aspx](http://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/HealthServices/GarmentCleaning.aspx)

This Sample Facility uses two processes: **Wet Cleaning with a discharge to a public sewer system and Perchloroethylene**

3. If you use a **WET CLEANING** process there are two boxes. Determine the correct box to check.
  - Only check **WET CLEANING<sup>2</sup>** if:
    - you have an off-site discharge to a private or public sewer system, or
    - the wastewater from the wet cleaning process is discharged on-site in accordance with a State Pollution Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Permit that you received to discharged waste from this process. *You would have had to apply specifically for this permit so if you are not sure whether you have this permit, you probably do not.*
  - You must check **WET CLEANING<sup>3</sup>** if you have an on-site discharge and do not have a SDPES permit for the wastewater discharge from this process.
  - For more information regarding SPDES Permits, contact the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at (631) 444-0355.
4. If your **solvent is not listed** on the sign, contact the Department of Health Services at (631) 854-2501.

## Post the Sign

The sign must be must be displayed in **two** locations at your facility.

- One sign must be displayed in the window clearly visible to those outside the establishment.
- A second sign must be located by the counter visible to anyone entering the establishment.

## For More Information

Visit our website at <https://www.suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Garment-Cleaning-Information> where copies of the sign can be downloaded. The sign is also available on the website in several languages, as is a link to the local law.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Professional garment cleaning establishments which deliver professionally cleaned clothes to homes or offices must also provide a statement on receipts indicating which solvent process was used to clean the clothes.