



Compliance Tips for the Drycleaning Community

Leak Checking

- **How do I check my meter?** Make sure your meter is working. Turn it on in an area where no Perc is present, away from your machine. You should get a steady beeping noise. Take it to an area where you know there is Perc, like the wastewater drum or still waste drum. If the meter rings continuously, it is working correctly.
- **How should I check my machine and how often?** Once a week, you must check your machine for leaks! Place the meter up against the part you are checking. Move the meter slowly and listen carefully for a change in sound. It is important to check for leaks while the machine is on, during both the **wet cycle** and the **dry cycle**.
- **Where to Check?** Every machine is different, but here are some of the areas where the most leaks are found:
 - The front loading door inner and outer gaskets
 - The solvent tank sight glasses
 - The still sight glass inner and outer gaskets
 - Any piping or valves associated with the still
 - The solvent pump
 - The water separator sight glass or gasket
 - The button trap gasket
 - The lint trap gasket
 - The refrigerated condenser gaskets (top and rear)
 - Where the piping enters the refrigerated condenser, and all other joints

Remember, you must **also** check the secondary control (vapor adsorber) for leaks while it is working.

- **Now I've found a leak, what do I do?** If your meter rings continuously you have a leak. You must now tag that leak. Mark the area of the leak with brightly colored tape or a colored tag. You must also write down in your **Leak Check Log** the date that you found the leak. You must order a replacement part or seal the leak. If you order a part, note the date you ordered it on the leak check log sheet and also the date on which you received the part and fixed the leak. Remember, you should fix all leaks **immediately**. Even if you order a part, you only have **15 days** to get it and replace the leaking one.

Secondary Controls

If your machine has a secondary control or **vapor adsorber**, you must regenerate it. To do this properly, you need to do the following:

- **Do I have specific permit conditions?** Your permit not only lists your **perc usage limit**, but it also tells you how often you need to regenerate your machine. This condition will either indicate the number of loads before regeneration or will tell you to read the manufacturer's recommendations for your machine. This information is contained in your machine's manual.
- **How long do I need to regenerate?** To completely clean the perc from the vapor adsorber you should regenerate for at least **2.5 Hours**. This will also be in your permit or the permit will tell you to check your machine's manual.
- **I regenerate as my permit says, but my machine still smells - what do I do?** You should check your lint and button traps to make sure they are clean. Check behind the drum for lint and debris. If there is still a smell, check your steam. Make sure you have enough pressure (about **60 psi**) to clean the carbon. If you're not sure what pressure you need, check with your machine manual or with a **BAAQMD Permit Engineer**. If these steps fail, you need to call your mechanic.

Record Keeping

Keeping the following records will help you remain in compliance and also help in completing your **annual update form**:

Maintenance Logs

- **Daily**
 - Pounds of clothes done in each load
 - Total pounds of clothes for all loads
- **Weekly**
 - Temperature of refrigerated condenser at end of cleaning cycle
 - Leak checks results during the wet and dry cycle
- **As Completed**
 - Temperature of refrigerated condenser any time you add solvent
 - Temperature of refrigerated condenser any time you regenerate

Receipts

- **Save All**
 - Perc purchases
 - Waste removals