



City of Bellevue Fire Department  
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## Operational Permit Application Dry Cleaning Plant

*Work or activity requiring a permit shall not commence until such work or activity has been inspected and authorized with a valid permit. Violation of this condition may result in additional permit or inspection fees.*

**GENERAL INFORMATION (to be completed by the permit applicant) (PLEASE PRINT)**

Business Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact Person:	Phone No.	
Email Address:		

**LOCATION OF PERMITTED ACTIVITY (if different than above) (PLEASE PRINT)**

Business Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

**PERMIT BILLING (if different than above) (PLEASE PRINT) (Permits will be billed by the City of Bellevue)**

Business Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Contact Person:	Phone No.	
Email Address:		

[Click here](#) for the current permit fee. Note: This fee will change every January 1<sup>st</sup> based on the current Seattle Consumer Price Index. Governmental or non-profit organizations are exempt from permit fees. If non-profit, please provide IRS documentation for non-profit status.

- Temporary use permits are invoiced within 30 days of permit issuance.
- Until revoked permits are invoiced January each year.
- All permits are subject to a late fee if not paid within 30 days of receipt.

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 Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

**FIRE PREVENTION OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Specific Permit Conditions:	
Application Disposition: <input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	
Reason for Denial:	
Reviewed / Inspected By:	Date:



## PERMIT CONDITIONS

### DRY CLEANING PLANT

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**The following conditions shall be adhered to at all times for the permit to be valid.**

1. A dry cleaning plant is a facility in which dry cleaning and associated operations are conducted, including the office, receiving area and storage.
2. A separate operational permit is required to store, handle or use Class II or Class III-A liquids in excess of 25 gallons in a building or in excess of 60 gallons outside a building, except for fuel oil used in connection with oil-burning equipment.
3. An operational permit is required to engage in the business of dry cleaning or to change to a more hazardous cleaning solvent used in existing dry cleaning equipment.
4. Dry cleaning solvents shall be classified according to their flash points as follows:
  - Class I solvents are liquids having a flash point below 100° F.
  - Class II solvents are liquids having a flash point at or above 100° F and below 140° F.
  - Class III-A solvents are liquids having a flash point at or above 140° F and below 200° F.
  - Class III-B solvents are liquids having a flash point at or above 200° F.
  - Class IV solvents are liquids classified as nonflammable.
5. Dry cleaning plants using more than one class of solvent for dry cleaning shall be classified based on the numerically lowest solvent class.
6. The occupancy classification, design and construction of dry cleaning plants shall comply with the applicable requirements of the International Building Code.
7. Type I dry cleaning plants (*Systems using Class I solvents*) shall be prohibited. Limited quantities (one-gallon) of Class I solvents stored and used for spotting and pre-treatment may be permitted.
8. Ventilation shall be provided in accordance with the International Mechanical Code.
9. In Type II dry cleaning plants (*Systems using Class II solvents*); heating shall be by indirect means using steam, hot water or hot oil only.
10. Storage tanks, treatment tanks, filters, pumps, ducts, dry cleaning units, stills, tumblers, drying cabinets and other such equipment, where not inherently electrically conductive, shall be bonded together and grounded. Isolated equipment shall be grounded.

11. Dry cleaning by immersion and agitation in open vessels shall be prohibited.
12. The use of solvents with a flash point below that for which a machine is designed or listed for shall be prohibited.
13. Class I and II liquids shall not be used for cleaning floors.
14. Lint and refuse shall be removed from traps daily, disposed in approved waste cans, removed from the premises, and disposed of safely.
15. Type II dry cleaning units, washer-extractors, and drying tumblers in Type II dry cleaning plants (*Systems using Class II solvents*) shall be provided with an approved automatic fire-extinguishing system in accordance with the International Fire Code.
16. An automatic sprinkler system shall be installed throughout dry cleaning plants containing Type II, Type III-A or Type III-B dry cleaning systems. (*Systems using Class II, III-A or III-B solvents*).
17. A minimum of two 2-A:10-B:C rated portable fire extinguishers shall be provided near the doors inside dry cleaning rooms containing Type II, Type III-A and Type III-B dry cleaning systems. (*Systems using Class II, III-A or III-B solvents*).