

Safer Degreasers



"In the old days, we used to wash hands in solvents. I know we cannot do that in the long term."

– Participating business

Typical degreasers have chemicals that harm your health and the environment, like methylene chloride, toluene, hexane, and hazardous air pollutants. These chemicals put employees at risk, make your work environment unhealthy, and hurt your bottom line.

Exposure to these chemicals can cause negative short-term effects like skin rashes, slowed reactions, fatigue, dizziness, or headaches. Long-term exposure can cause damage to the kidney, liver, or nervous system, and increases the chance of cancer.

Switching to less toxic degreaser is good business. Business case studies show safer degreasers often save businesses money. **Hazardous Waste Management Program's Business Services** can help. We offer:

- Free technical assistance and trial products.
- Advice on safer product options and selections.
- Vouchers to cover most of the cost.

Our goal is to replace especially hazardous degreasers with safer products and equipment. We support businesses switching to safer degreaser products. Switch one or all your degreasers today and get reimbursed for 75% of your costs, *up to \$5,000!*

Here's how to make the switch!

Scan the QR code or call us at **206-296-4692** and we'll help you:

1. Assess products and process.
2. Select new products and equipment.
3. Receive a voucher that can cover 75% of your costs (up to \$5,000).



Turn the page for a list of safe degreaser alternatives



What products qualify as safer degreasers?

Safer degreasers do not contain extremely harmful chemicals and are free of hazardous air pollutants. The Environmental Protection Agency, WA State Department of Ecology, and Hazardous Waste Management Program in King County evaluate degreasers to determine if they are safer.

Here are examples of degreaser products that may qualify as safer alternatives. Other safer products may qualify. If you don't see a product here, ask us.



"I am grateful for the training that I received about identifying harmful degreaser products. Wow, I never looked at the labels or warnings before, but I will now. I used to just purchase whatever the vendor gives me."

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1 - Simple Green, 2 - Reusable bulk aerosol canister, 3 - Aerosol brake cleaner, 4 - CRC Smartwash, 5 - Ozy Juice, 6 - Ultrasonic parts washer, 7 - Bulk brake cleaner systems, 8 - Inland Technology Breakthrough® Product & Parts Washer