

Minnesota's Drycleaner Fund

The Drycleaner Fund is available to help pay for the cleanup of soil, groundwater, and soil vapor contamination at drycleaner facilities.

Who is eligible?

- Current or former owners or operators of drycleaners
- Property owners that leased to drycleaners during the time the drycleaning facility operated

What expenses are reimbursable?

- Investigation and cleanup costs, when a cleanup is required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)
- Contamination resulting from on-site drycleaning activity
- Costs determined to be reasonable by MPCA staff
- Amounts over the deductible of \$10,000

What expenses are not eligible?

- Consultant markups of subcontractor work
- Legal fees or site access
- Decreased property value or loss of income
- Costs reimbursed by insurance
- Repair, replacement or upgrade of facility or equipment
- Aesthetic improvements
- Relocation of residents
- Investigation or cleanup of non-drycleaning contamination
- Owner or operator's personal time overseeing cleanup
- Releases that occurred due to violations of State or Federal hazardous waste laws
- Third-party review of environmental work
- Costs associated with the preparation of MPCA applications

What else do I need to know?

- The cleanup plan must be approved by the MPCA staff prior to the cleanup work.
- The drycleaner must have provided services to the general public (i.e. uniform, linen-supply, and coin-operated facilities are not included).
- No single drycleaning facility may receive more than \$100,000 in a given year. Amounts requested above \$100,000 are eligible for the remainder in subsequent years.
- Sites where the responsible party refuses to conduct required cleanup will be assessed by the MPCA and may be listed on the state superfund list. The MPCA will then take actions if necessary and will seek cost recovery to the extent allowed by law.

When will I get my money?

- Reimbursement is currently running about 2 to 3 years.

Whom do I contact if I have questions?

- More information about the Drycleaner Fund, including the reimbursement application, is available on the MPCA's website at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/waste/waste-and-cleanup/cleanup/superfund/drycleaner-fund-environmental-response-and-reimbursement-account.html>

Can I get money anywhere else?

- Additional financial assistance may be available from the Small Business Assistance Program at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/sbiz7d9>