

## Wetcleaning

Many factors determine whether a drycleaning or a wetcleaning process is compatible with a particular garment or textile article. Wetcleaning is a gentle form of cleaning that El Dorado Cleaners may choose to process sensitive textiles such as wool, silk, rayon, and linen. It gives us more flexibility in processing items that may not withstand the drycleaning process.

### Drycleaning vs. Wetcleaning

Dry cleaning uses a liquid solvent to clean your clothes instead of water and detergent. The solvent contains little or no water, hence the term "dry cleaning". Wetcleaning is the professional process of removing soils from garments and other textile items through the use of water. It uses special technology, detergents, and additives to minimize the potential for adverse effects.

### Factors Determining the Cleaning Method

Four major factors determine whether a garment is cleaned in water or solvent:

1. The types of soil present
2. The fiber composition and garment construction
3. The dye present in the fabric
4. The nature of the various trims, linings, or other findings used in the garment.

As a professional cleaner, Eldorado Cleaners can determine which process will best restore the garment to a like "new" condition. For example, a more delicate item that is trimmed with plastic beads or sequins will generally respond well to wetcleaning. Items with large water-soluble stains are also more likely to come clean in a wetcleaning process.

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