



Technical tips – Supply cost - detergent

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Am I using too much detergent?
What is my cost on detergent per garment?

These are questions that come up quite frequently in Dry Cleaners. The answer to these questions can usually be figured out by using the following formulas.

1. DETERGENT CONSUMPTION PER CWT*

Step 1. convert total pounds to cwt**

Step 2.
$$\frac{\text{\# gals detergent used during period}}{\text{cwt cleaned during period}} = \text{detergent consumption per cwt}$$

2. DETERGENT COST PER CWT

$$\frac{\text{price per gal for detergent}}{\text{per cwt}} \times \text{detergent consumption per cwt} = \text{detergent cost per cwt}$$

Take an average count of garments per cwt, divide detergent cost per cwt by number of garments. Remember that garment count per cwt will vary with the seasons. These formulas can also be used for Sizing cost.

Keeping a record of poundage cleaned is essential to properly operate an efficient Dry Cleaning operation. It can help you figure supply costs associated with the Dry Cleaning process. A good scale is essential to help keep proper poundage records.

*CWT = 100 weight.

**To determine CWT:
$$\frac{\text{pounds cleaned}}{100} = \text{CWT}$$

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