



## RCRA Corrective Action

### Cleanup + Productive Use

## Economic Profile

# Safety-Kleen Systems

Lynnwood, Washington

### BEFORE

Chemical storage and recycling facility

### AFTER



Electrical Contractor



Garden Shed Builder

### CLEANUP OVERSEEN BY

Washington State Department of Ecology and EPA

Safety-Kleen began operating a chemical storage and recycling facility in Lynnwood, Washington, in the 1970s. Operations contaminated the soil with petroleum and released chromium and lead into the groundwater.

Environmental investigations in the 1990s discovered the contamination. With oversight from the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) and EPA, Safety-Kleen funded excavation of contaminated soil and removal of a leaking storage tank. Safety-Kleen closed its facility in Lynnwood in 1998, but Ecology continued to monitor groundwater at the facility, under the RCRA program, until it was reported under control in 2008.

The site has now been returned to productive use as the home of an electrical contractor and a garden shed business.



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EMPLOYEES



**\$1.8 million**

ANNUAL SALES



**\$357,000**

ANNUAL WAGES





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DC Electric is a family-owned electrical contractor that serves residential and commercial customers. They provide services ranging from code corrections to assisting in new remodels and construction. DC Electric's commercial customers include AT&T, Xfinity and Dollar Tree as well as homeowners in the Seattle area.

The site is also home to Garden Solutions, a small business that crafts handmade garden sheds. The sheds are styled like miniature barns and are individually customized for each order. Garden Solutions generates an estimated \$1.8 million in annual revenue and provides its employees an estimated \$357,000 in yearly wages. Through its work, the company upholds Seattle traditions of artistry and enjoying the outdoors.

With the site's cleanup laying the proper foundation, the hard work of small businesses like these can transform underutilized sites and return them to productive use.



DC Electric designs and installs lighting fixtures for local businesses.



Garden Solutions works with its customers to create functional, original storage solutions for backyards and outdoors.

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**THE CITY OF LYNNWOOD IS GRATEFUL FOR THE CLEANUP AND RECLAMATION EFFORTS OF THE EPA AND ECOLOGY AT THE FORMER SITE OF SAFETY-KLEEN SYSTEMS. THE TREMENDOUS EFFORTS OF THE EPA AND ECOLOGY HAVE ALLOWED THE SITE TO BE REPURPOSED AND REVITALIZED. WHAT ONCE WAS A CONTAMINATED AND UNUSABLE SITE IS NOW A LOCATION THRIVING WITH TWO LOCALLY-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES SERVING OUR COMMUNITY.**

Mayor Nicola Smith, City of Lynnwood