

Blast Cleaning Comparison Chart					
Blasting Cleaning Technique	Waste for Disposal	Abrasive	Toxic	Electrically Conductive	Performance Comparison
Dry Ice	No	No	No	No	Excellent
Sand	Yes	Yes	No*	No	OK
Glass Beads	Yes	Yes	No*	No	OK
Walnut Shells	Yes	Yes	No*	No	Limited
Steam	No	No	No	Yes	Poor
Solvents	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Limited

(*) Each of these blast cleaning materials becomes contaminated upon contact if used to clean hazardous objects. When that happens, these materials are then classified as toxic waste requiring safe disposal.