

What is a shop towel?

Shop towels are a standard cotton towel about 18" square. They are the same type towels you can buy at any hardware or auto parts store for home use. Shop towels replace disposable baled rags and paper towels in the work center.

Why should I use shop towels instead of baled rags or paper towels?

In most cases, paper towels and baled rags cannot be reused and are processed as hazardous waste. The procurement cost for baled rags and paper towels is more expensive for comparable numbers of shop towels. Shop towels do not have to be disposed of as hazardous waste. Your activity or service branch saves money in procurement costs and avoids hazardous waste disposal charges by using shop towels.

Shop towels are laundered, so they don't end up in a hazardous waste landfill taking up space that could be better used for other wastes for which there is no recycling solution.

What are some uses of shop towels?

- Cleaning up small spills of oil, grease, hydraulic fluid, and solvents (no halogenated solvents please);
- Wiping machinery (careful, some sensitive machinery requires lint free towels);
- Cleaning parts and hands;

How can I start getting shop towels?

Determine how many towels you will need per week (visit web site puget.fisc.navy.mil for a quick formula and shop towel use BMP). Contact your work center or activity credit card holder to arrange for payment to the vendor. Have them call the vendor and start your service!

About the Shop Towel Contract:

FISC manages a regional shop towel service contract that drastically reduces participants' needs to procure baled rags for cleaning/wiping up petroleum and paint products and the disposal costs of contaminated rags. The contractor delivers clean towels to customers on a weekly basis and takes the dirty ones away to be laundered.

All Navy ships or shore commands, or any other DoD/Government agency located in Washington, Oregon or Idaho may use the contract.

Ships and shore activities save OPTAR by paying for shop towels instead of buying baled rags; disposal fees are avoided.

Unit price is \$.07 per towel for use of vendor towels. Shop towels lost by the government, which exceed 15 percent of a given order, will cost the activity \$.38 per towel. Unit price is \$.05 for laundry of government owned towels.

Vendor will deliver clean towels and pick-up soiled towels from your activity usually weekly, however, other arrangements may

be made with the vendor for more frequent service or special pick-ups and deliveries.

Shop towel contract awarded to:

Aramark Uniform Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 718
Kent, Washington 98035
Government Account Manager:
Lisa Mundy
Tel: 800-873-7041 x129
Fax: 206-394-9850

To process orders, the following information is required by the vendor:

- a. Shop towel contract number: N00140-02-D-1605.
- b. Purchase Card number and expiration date.
- c. Requirements (how many towels per week; contract or government furnished).
- d. Delivery address and pier number (if multiple locations, identify each)
- e. POC/ Alternate and telephone number.

Service can be started at any time during the year...get the ball rolling now to begin service and save OPTAR in FY02!

Any ship/activity in Navy Region Northwest interested in participating is requested to submit their requirements to the contractor. Contract requires use of government credit card for payment. If you have questions or comments about this program please contact one of the POCs in this brochure.

[How successful is the Shop Towel Program?](#)

Very! Shop towel contracts have been used by the Navy since the early 1990's. Use of shop towels has diverted over **16 million pounds** of oily rags from the waste stream and saved the DOD, Navy and taxpayers over **\$22.0 million**.

[Visit the HAZMAT Web Page for more information](#)

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