

Car Detailing Legal Compliance Checklist

U.S. State-by-State Guide (2025 Edition)

1. Business Setup

- ☐ Business license obtained for my state
- ☐ Sales tax registration (if required)
- ☐ Franchise or local tax permit filed

2. Insurance

- ☐ General liability insurance active
- ☐ Garage keepers insurance (if storing client vehicles)
- ☐ Workers' compensation (if employees hired)

3. Environmental Compliance

- ☐ Using eco-friendly chemicals
- ☐ Water-saving system installed or waterless method used
- ☐ Chemical waste disposed of properly
- ☐ VOC-compliant products in use (check state restrictions)

4. Zoning & Permits

- ☐ Local zoning laws reviewed
- ☐ Mobile unit permits obtained (if applicable)
- ☐ Operating in commercial or approved residential zone

5. Health & Safety

- ☐ PPE provided to all workers (gloves, goggles, masks)
- ☐ Spill kits and ventilation equipment in place
- ☐ MSDS sheets available for chemicals used

6. Customer Protection

- ☐ Written service guarantee (required in some states)
- ☐ Refund and damage policy posted or included in contract
- ☐ Easy dispute resolution info provided