Greener Solvent Guide

There is no universal approach to solvent selection. Solvent guides are resources that should be used by chemists to make the right choice for their specific chemistry.

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Hexane (s)	Pentane		Heptane		Isooctane		
DMF	DMAc	NMP		MeCN	DMSO	Cyrene™	CPME
THF		MTBE	2-MeTHF				CPME
Et_2O, Di-isopropyl ether		MTBE	2-MeTHF				CPME
DME	Dioxane	MTBE	2-MeTHF				CPME
CCl_4*							
$CHCl_3$*	CH_2Cl_2						
DCE*							
CH_2Cl_2 **(extractions)**		MTBE	2-MeTHF	Toluene			EtOAc
CH_2Cl_2 **(chromatography)**				Heptane/EtOAc			3:1 EtOAc/EtOH
Benzene*				Toluene			
				Acetone		Ethyl lactate	DMC
				Acetone **(washing)**			EtOH

***Indicates highly hazardous**

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