



# OIL SPILLS & USED OIL STORAGE



PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

40 CFR 279 - MANAGEMENT OF USED OIL & 40 CFR 112 - OIL POLLUTION PREVENTION



**PREVENT SPILLS.**  
**PROTECT PEOPLE.**  
**PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT.**



Oil spills can harm the environment, threaten health and safety, and result in costly cleanup and regulatory penalties.

**1 PREVENT OIL SPILLS**



- ✓ Inspect equipment and containers regularly for leaks.
- ✓ Use secondary containment for all potential spill sources.
- ✓ Do not overfill equipment or containers.
- ✓ Keep spill response materials accessible and ready.
- ✓ Keep work areas clean and free of oil and debris.

**2 IF A SPILL OCCURS**



- ✓ Ensure safety first. Eliminate ignition sources.
- ✓ Stop the source of the spill if it is safe to do so.
- ✓ Contain the spill using absorbent materials.
- ✓ Clean up the spill completely.
- ✓ Dispose of used materials properly.
- ✓ Report the spill immediately to your supervisor.

**3 USED OIL STORAGE REQUIREMENTS**



- ✓ Store used oil in containers that are in good condition and labeled.
- ✓ Containers must be kept closed except when adding or removing oil.
- ✓ Use secondary containment that can hold 110% of the container capacity.
- ✓ Keep containers in a secure area away from storm drains and waterways.
- ✓ Do not store used oil for more than 1 year.
- ✓ Inspect storage and containment regularly for leaks.

**4 PROPER LABELING**



- ✓ All used oil containers must be clearly labeled.
  - ✓ Use the label:
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- ✓ Do not use any other labeling or markings.

**5 SPILL RESPONSE EQUIPMENT**

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| <p><b>SPILL KIT</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Absorbents</li><li>• Pads</li><li>• Booms</li><li>• Disposal bags</li><li>• PPE</li><li>• Instructions</li></ul> | <p><b>ABSORBENTS</b></p>  <p>Use pads, rolls, or booms to contain and absorb oil spills.</p> | <p><b>DRAIN COVERS</b></p>  <p>Prevent oil from entering storm drains or waterways.</p> | <p><b>DISPOSAL BAGS</b></p>  <p>Place used absorbent materials and waste in proper drums or lined boxes.</p> | <p><b>PPE</b></p>  <p>Wear appropriate protective equipment during cleanup.</p> |
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**6 USED OIL MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

-  Manage used oil in accordance with 40 CFR Part 279 (Used Oil Rule).
-  Coordinate with Waste Management for USED OIL collection and storage guidance.
-  Keep records of used oil shipments for at least 5 years.
-  Use used oil recyclers that are registered with the EPA or State.

**7 POTENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

-  Contaminates surface water, soil, and groundwater
-  Harms aquatic life and wildlife
-  Violates environmental regulations
-  Results in costly cleanups and penalties
-  Damages our reputation



**EVEN SMALL SPILLS CAN CAUSE BIG DAMAGE!**



A sheen in an off-site ditch or waterway requires immediate reporting.



**REPORT SPILLS IMMEDIATELY TO YOUR SUPERVISOR.**