

8 TIPS TO CLEAN UP A SPILL

Be Prepared

- Evaluate materials & labels
- Evaluate safety data sheets (SDS)
- Locate spill response equipment & PPE
- Understand the Procedure?

Be Safe

- Evacuate & call Emergency Services
- Identify Spill

Stop the Source

- Locate Source & Stop it
- Close valves, taps, rotate punctured drums & plug leaks

Protect Storm Water

- Block storm water drains using drain covers, shut-off valves or pipe bungs
- Confine or divert the spill with spill berms, socks, sandbags or other suitable material

Notify

- Tell your supervisor, site foreman or appropriate company contacts

Clean Up

- Where necessary, use hazardous substances
- Use absorbents & place in suitable containers
- For large volume spills use a vacuum truck
- Clean up without contaminating the storm water system or soil

Dispose

- Use a responsible water disposal contractor
- Remove contaminated material, absorbents, soil and PPE

Restock & Review

- Replace all used absorbents & PPE
- Assess cause & take necessary steps to prevent reoccurrence
- Communicate forms & lessons learned