



Spill Control Instructions

Manage a spill using the three “C’s”: Control, Contain, Clean-up

Control

- **Stop the source**
 - Plug leaks
 - If it cannot be plugged, place container in secondary container such as plastic bucket or bag
 - Stand up fallen containers
- **Protect yourself**
 - Use the Personal Protection Equipment appropriate for the pesticide spilled
- **Isolate the site from other people or animals**
 - Remove any injured or unconscious person from the contaminated area
 - **If there is an unconscious person, call 911**
 - Use caution tape to rope off spill
- **Stay at the spill site**
 - Never leave even if you cannot handle it
 - Call and wait for someone more knowledgeable and protected to come help you

Contain

- **If a liquid, use an absorbent material to soak up the spill**
 - Create a dike of absorbent around the downhill side to keep spill from running off site or into waterways
- **If a dry material, cover with the tarp to keep wind from blowing it around**
 - Sweep up dry materials and use according to the label

Clean-up

- **Sweep up absorbent material and place in a plastic bag**
 - If it is on a non-porous surface such as metal, plastic, or concrete:
 - Neutralize the spill site by sweeping the area with bleach and detergent
 - Apply more absorbent, then sweep it also into the plastic bag
 - If the spill is on an porous surface such as soil:
 - Remove 2-3 inches soil
 - Place the removed soil into a plastic bag
- **Seal the bag with the duct tape**
 - Label the bag with duct tape and the permanent marker
- **Clean up any contaminated equipment or vehicles in the same way**
- **Remove any contaminated clothing; wash yourself with detergent and water**
- **Wear your change of clothes or disposable coveralls**
 - Dispose of contaminated clothes, towels, and brooms in the plastic bag with the other contaminated materials

Spill follow-up

- **Fill out the report**
- **Turn it in to your supervisor**
- **Have your supervisor refill the Spill Kit**

Emergency phone numbers:

- **Call your supervisor**
 - **Call 911 only if a serious injury has occurred.**
 - **Call Chemtrec only if you cannot find help from your supervisor, or the office at (800) 424-9300**