

How to Use your Spill Kit

Basic instructions for spill kit use are provided below. All spill kits are different and your spill kit may contain more materials than those detailed in this document. All employees should be familiar with the location and contents of all spill kits and the procedure(s) to be followed in the event of a chemical spill. Training should include practical skills! Emergency contact information should be posted near or included within the spill kit/spill kit procedure.

For some spills, the best response is evacuation! Do not attempt to clean up a very large spill or a spill of a hazardous material without the proper equipment or advanced training.

Step 1: Protect yourself!

Open the spill kit and put on the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) within including gloves, goggles, and apron.

Step 2: Respond

Small spills:

Place absorbent pads or granular absorbent on the fluid or anywhere needed and allow them to soak up the fluid.

Large spills:

Protect drains and other sensitive areas by placing booms or snakes around them, and then place at the forward edge of the spill. Then place absorbent pads or granular absorbent on the spilled fluid.

Step 3: Clean-Up & Contact

Once absorbent materials are saturated and the spill has been complete absorbed, dispose of them in the garbage bags in your spill bag. Use a broom and dust pan to collect granular absorbent for disposal. Disposal of this waste may be governed by federal, state, and local regulations depending on the chemical spilled and amount.

Assure that the person at your business responsible for health and safety is aware of the accident. Contact emergency response for the relevant water utility and Marion County Public Health Department if there is danger to groundwater or surface water.

Step 4: Prepare for the Future

Replace the consumable equipment (PPE, absorbent materials, garbage bags) in the spill kit so you are prepared in the future.

If you are unsure how to use the spill kit your business has made or purchased, please contact Mundell & Associates or the Marion County Public Health Department for guidance.