Pesticide Spill Management: Outline

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Control the Spill
  • Protect yourself
  • Stop the source
  • Protect others
  • Stay at the site

Contain the Spill
  • Confine the spill
  • Protect water sources
  • Absorb liquids
  • Cover dry materials

Clean-up
  • Liquid
  • Dry

Decontaminate Spill Site

Neutralize Spill Site
  • Follow instruction carefully.

Decontaminate Equipment and Self
  • Clean equipment that was contaminated by the spill or during the containment and cleanup process.
  • Wash any part of your skin that may have been exposed to chemicals.

Spill Follow-up
  • Keep records of spills on and off your property.
  • Report the spill to the appropriate agency when necessary.

Spill Assistance
  • 24 hour assistance is available from the Chemical Manufacturing Association through Chemtrec, the Chemical Transportation Emergency Center.
  • Have label available.
  • Contact the proper authorities
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Spill Kit

- Telephone numbers for emergency assistance
- Sturdy gloves, footwear and apron that are chemical-resistant
- Protective eyewear
- Appropriate respirator
- Containment “snakes”
- Absorbent materials
- Sweeping compound for dry material
- Shovel, broom and dustpan
- Heavy-duty detergent
- Fire extinguisher
- Any spill clean-up items specific for particular products you use regularly
- Sturdy plastic container large