

# Minor Oil Spill (≤1 gallon) Clean Up Procedures

Only trained staff may clean up minor spills.

1. **Notify co-workers** of the spill and **restrict access** to the affected area during clean up.
2. Use the **yellow bag spill kit** (“Oil Only” checked on bag) and/or **Oil Dri Quick Sorb** in the white plastic container for petroleum and vegetable based oil spills.
3. **If greater than one gallon spilled:**
  - a. **Contact University Police at 911** (cell phone: 631-632-3333) and provide information on the spill including specific location, chemical, quantity, and if anyone is injured.
  - b. **If possible, contain spill with socs (booms) and oil absorbent pads from yellow bag spill kit and then evacuate area.**
4. **If less than one gallon spilled:**
  - a. **Trained staff** can retrieve the Oil-Dri and/or yellow bag spill kit which includes absorbent pads and socs, personal protective equipment, disposal bag, dustpan and brush, scraper and orange waste label.
  - b. **Wear personal protective equipment** from the spill kit: goggles and nitrile gloves, and an apron if there is a body splash potential.
  - c. Use socs to contain spill and cover the spill with absorbent pads. Wipe up spill with pads.
  - d. If there is more oil than can be handled by the socs/pads, use Oil-Dri. Lightly cover spill with Oil-Dri granules and let sit for about 3 minutes. Work in with the scraper or brush (or broom) until floor is nearly dry. If necessary, add more Oil-Dri until all of the oil has been absorbed. Use dustpan and brush to sweep up the oil absorbed granules.
  - e. **Petroleum oil based spill cleanup:** place any used socs, pads and Oil-Dri granules in the disposal bag. Remove gloves and place in disposal bag. Seal bag, note “Oily Debris” on orange waste label and place on bag. **Call EH&S at 4-6783 for waste pick up.**
  - f. **Vegetable oil based spill cleanup:** place any used socs, pads and Oil-Dri granules in a plastic trash bag. Remove gloves and place in bag. Seal bag and dispose in regular trash.
5. If you need a **new spill kit or any contents, contact EH&S at 4-6783.**



**For a major spill or if you need assistance:**

**In University Hospital: Call University Police, 911 (cell phone 631-632-3333)**

**In Hospital Off Site Facilities: Call local police, 911**