

BMP #1: Spill Cleanup and Pavement Cleaning

When cleaning dumpster areas, loading docks, and other paved surfaces, and whenever a spill occurs:

- ▶ First, STOP any spill at its source.
- ▶ Next, dry sweep.
- ▶ If wet cleaning (including high-temperature or high-pressure washing) is required use this 3-step process:
 1. Clean up as much as possible with rags.
 2. Use granular absorbents (i.e. cat litter) to collect residue. Sweep and dispose in trash if hazardous materials are not involved.
 3. Mop (or, if absolutely necessary, wash) and collect water, and dispose of water in sink or sewer drain, NOT the storm drain.
- ▶ If a final rinse is necessary for health reasons, collect the rinse water and dispose to sink or indoor floor drain. If outdoors, block storm drain before applying water, collect water, and dispose to sink or indoor drain.
- ▶ Do not use bleach or disinfectants if there is a possibility that rinsewater could flow to a street, gutter, or storm drain.

Dumpsters and Loading Dock Areas

- ▶ Have spill cleanup materials handy in dumpster and loading dock areas.
- ▶ Keep litter from accumulating around loading docks by providing trash receptacles and encouraging employees to use them.
- ▶ Make sure that dumpsters and containers of grease, meat fat, and used cooking oil are always tightly covered.
- ▶ Arrange for leaking dumpsters to be replaced immediately when a leak is detected.

Spill Cleanup Plan

- ▶ Each establishment should have a spill cleanup plan that includes:
 1. Procedures for different types of spills
 2. Training for new and existing employees about the procedures
 3. Cleanup kits in well-marked, accessible locations
 4. Designation of a key employee who monitors cleanup
- ▶ Post the plan in the work area.