

### PLAN AHEAD...

HAVE EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE  
FOR THE SPILL EMERGENCY.

Be prepared. Missing, unavailable, and non-functional equipment is of no help in an emergency.

- Protective equipment for all products handled
- Absorbent material to contain a spill
- Tools for constructing temporary earthen dikes
- Clean water in portable holding tanks
- Highway warning signs, caution tape, first aid kit, fire extinguisher, tools, flashlight, eye wash bottle
- Cleanup equipment such as shovels, brooms, dust pans, squeegees, plastic sheeting, diaphragm pump with hose screen, reflective vests for cleanup crew
- Salvage drums for holding the wastes cleaned up, and overpack drums for shipping the salvage drums

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HAVE AN EMERGENCY  
CONTINGENCY PLAN.

- Establish a Crisis Management File:
  - ✓ State and federal laws and regulations
  - ✓ Daily invoices
  - ✓ MSDS's and product labels
  - ✓ Emergency phone numbers
- Establish relationship with appropriate authorities.
- Designate a spokesperson to respond to public.
- Train employees on emergency procedures.
- **Rehearse** your crisis plan.

### A PESTICIDE SPILL...

...can happen to anyone—even to those individuals who exercise safety procedures to minimize the possibility. Your degree of emergency preparedness will have a direct impact on the severity of the situation if a spill occurs. Use this document to help develop a spill management plan. Fill in pertinent phone numbers and keep a copy in your vehicle, at the office, and at home. Be prepared to take proper action if a pesticide spill happens to you.

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