

## Focus on: Small Oil Spill Readiness

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### Small oil spill readiness

Most oil spills Ecology responds to are small, involving 10 or less gallons. Responding quickly may reduce cleanup costs and prevent environmental impacts.

This guide is designed to help small businesses be ready to safely respond to small spills of oil products such as:

- Motor and other lubricating oils
- Vegetable and mineral oils
- Hydraulic and brake fluids
- Diesel and biodiesel fuels

State law requires spillers to immediately report oil spills. If a spill is too large or complicated, Ecology can also provide additional guidance and technical assistance. To request assistance from the Department of Ecology, call the appropriate field office or the Washington State Emergency Management Division at 1-800-258-5990.

### Extra precaution for gasoline spills

Gasoline is toxic to breathe, highly flammable and potentially explosive and dangerous if allowed to pool up during a spill. Ecology can provide technical assistance for gasoline spills. If there is ever a concern about public safety call 911.

### Build a spill kit

To be ready to respond safely and quickly to small spills, Ecology recommends putting these items together in a spill kit:

- Plastic buckets or containers for spill kit materials and waste disposal.
- Oil absorbent materials: spill pads, granular absorbent (example: kitty litter, floor dry, etc.).
- Personal Protective Equipment: gloves, eye protection
- Repair materials: duct tape, repair puddy (example: pig puddy, gap seal, etc.).
- Clean-up materials such as: trash bags, brooms, shovels, and dust pans.