

OIL SPILLS – REPORTING GUIDELINES

When to Report an Oil Spill or Leak

- Report spills that may cause pollution, such as spills of toxic, flammable, corrosive and dangerous industrial chemicals. Also report spills of environmentally damaging materials, including millings, coal, animal parts, batteries, etc. Stop the source of the spill if you can do so safely.
- Reportable quantities: Pennsylvania has a reporting threshold of greater than 5 gallons for petroleum spills. Spills of any quantity of all other chemicals or material should be reported. If in doubt, report.
- Anyone who spills is required to report

Where to Report Oil Spills

- Report the spill to local emergency personnel at 911 immediately if needed. The Fairview Township Municipal Building and the Mountaintop Hose Company #1 both have spill kits for Township use.
- Report to the National Response Center (NRC) at 1-800-424-8802
- If extremely hazardous, contact the Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act hotline at 1-800-535-0202
- Report the spill to the PA Dept. of Environmental Protection's Emergency Response Program at 1-800-541-2050

Spill Response Procedure

- Observe the safety precautions associated with the spilled material.
- Stop the source of the spill if you can do so safely.
- Call 911 if fire or public safety hazards are created.
- Contain the spilled material. Dirt, sand or any semi-impermeable material may be used to create a containment structure to prevent the spilled material from flowing.
- Cleanup the spill material and dispose of the wastes properly