

SPILLS aren't SLICK



Report ALL spills immediately.

800-OILS-911
& U.S.C.G. 800-424-8802 or
in Canada 800-889-8852

Be a good steward of your waters.

- Practice preventive maintenance.
- Recycle used oil and filters.
- Fuel your boat carefully.
- Clean spills with absorbents.
- Don't use soaps.

Reporting spills is required by law.

For more information on spill prevention, laws, and penalties, contact the U.S. or Canadian Coast Guard, or your state or local environmental agency.

Clean water depends on you.

Small spills — even a few drops — can harm our waters, kill or injure wildlife, and have toxic impacts on shellfish and human health. If you see oiled wildlife, call 800-OILS-911.

Rainbow sheens or discoloration on the water may indicate oil has spilled. Here's what you can do about it.

Practice preventive maintenance.

- Use quality parts, lines, and fittings.
- Test repairs for leaks before operating boat.
- Don't store extra oil-based liquids on board.
- Keep oil and water out of bilge.
- Place oil absorbent pads in vessel bilge.
- Install a fuel spill prevention device.
- Regularly inspect engine, bilge, and exhaust.

Recycle used oil and filters.

- Don't mix used oil with other substances.

Fuel your boat carefully.

- Shut off all engines during fueling.
- Use absorbent pad/fuel collar to catch drips.
- Avoid overflows – fill the tank to 90% of capacity because fuel expands as it heats.

If you or someone else spills:

- If safe, stop the source of the spill.
- Extinguish all ignition sources.
- Notify the fuel attendant and marina staff.
- Call BOTH of these numbers:
800-OILS-911
800-424-8802 (U.S.) or 800-889-8852 (Canada)
Failure to notify may lead to penalties.

Clean spills with absorbents.

- Don't attempt to clean up gasoline, which is highly flammable.
- Use and carry absorbent pads, pillows, or boom that are designed for oil cleanup.
- Dispose of used absorbents according to local rules.

Don't use soaps.

- Soaps are illegal, ineffective, and toxic to aquatic life.

