

## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This procedure details the Bath & North East Somerset Councils', Waste Operation Services Environmental Spillage Procedure at the refuse depot at Midland Road, Bath.
- 1.2 Environmental Spillages can include Diesel leaks, Hydraulic leaks and material spillage (refuse, card, glass, cans etc.)

## **2. Spillage in the yard**

- 2.1 All liquid spillages should be contained immediately using the spillage kit which is located in the fuel cabinet.
- 2.2 Pads or socks can be used to contain the spillage and left until the spillage is absorbed. The area can be cordoned off using the barriers in the yard as necessary.
- 2.3 Spillage granules are also available next to the spillage kit and must be swept up thoroughly once the liquid is absorbed.
- 2.4 Used pads, sock and spillage granules must be disposed of in the Hazardous Waste cage at the CA site using the bags provided in the spillage kit.
- 2.5 All material spillages must be cleaned up using brushes and shovels available in the yard and disposed of in one of the receptacles in the yard.
- 2.6 All spillages must be reported to a member of the management team.

## **3. Kerbside spillage**

- 3.1 A member of the management team must be informed immediately.
- 3.2 The crew must wait by any liquid spillage redirecting traffic/pedestrians as necessary until a supervisor arrives to assist.
- 3.3 The supervisor will treat the spillage with granules, sock or pads. Used pads, sock and spillage granules must be disposed of in the Hazardous Waste cage at the CA site using the bags provided in the spillage kit.
- 3.4 In the event of a material spillage, the crew will clean it up using the brush and shovel located on the vehicle.
- 3.5 If the crew are unable to clean the spillage to an adequate standard, they must inform a supervisor who will make arrangements with cleansing as necessary.

#### **4. To Report an Environmental Spillage**

4.1 In the event of a major spillage, this must be reported to the Environment Agency on their incident hotline 0800 807060. A major spillage includes:

- damage or danger to the natural environment
- pollution to water or land
- poaching or illegal fishing
- dead fish or fish gasping for air
- watercourses blocked by a vehicle or fallen tree causing risk of flooding
- flooding from main rivers or the sea
- illegal dumping of hazardous waste or large amounts of industrial waste
- incidents at Environment Agency-regulated waste sites
- illegal removals from watercourses
- unusual changes in river flow
- collapsed or badly damaged river or canal banks