

Operating Guidelines

Section: Personnel Safety

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Guidelines

The Fire Department response to spills of hazardous material consists of the following responsibilities (Awareness Level):

1. Evacuation of persons endangered
2. Protection of property
3. Containment of spills (If possible and safe to do so)
4. Notification of:
 - a) O.P.P.
 - b) CANUTEC
 - c) MOE.
5. Hazardous Waste Cleanup: Except for minor spills, the Fire Department does not have the equipment, personnel, or resources to clean up or contain spills. If the absorbent materials carried are not adequate to handle the spill, then sand topsoil and plastic sheeting should be used to contain the spill and keep it from entering lakes or streams.

Note: No member of the Department is authorized to accept any form of hazardous material / wastes, for disposal, from a private individual or a company. Any inquiries regarding disposal of this type of material should be directed to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.