Management for Waste Oil Generators

The US EPA requires that all generators of waste oil receive training in and understand the requirements of the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures Regulation (SPCC). These requirements are outlined here and are presented in the MANDATORY SPCC training.

Please keep this fact sheet handy for your reference!

Spill Prevention Requirements:
- Drums must be inspected monthly (EH&S does this for you, but please respond promptly with any corrective actions outlined for you!)

Control Requirements
- Make sure the proper postings are present in your work area (see EH&S for these posters.)
- Make sure the containment is secure (i.e., locked.)
- Make sure you handle the oil correctly, to avoid spilling or overfilling of containers.
- Make sure you have training, and that it is CURRENT; you need to receive this training EVERY YEAR.
- Make sure you have spill response supplies nearby, and that you know what to do if a spill is larger than your supplies will handle.

Countermeasures Requirements
- Be sure that the oil drums are kept within the containment bins, to collect any spilled oil,
- Be sure you know how to use the spill response equipment and personal protective items: Pillows, pads, socks, putty; as well as eye and hand protection (gloves) when needed,
- Know whom to notify if you need help with the clean-up (FMS at 412-268-2910) or to report a spill larger than you can clean-up (EH&S at 412-268-8182.)

Our Mission:

Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) is committed to providing health and safety services that protect the University community and the environment.
Since you will only be responding to Incidental Spills (able to be handled with the spill response materials you have on hand) your spill response procedures are fairly simple:

1. Put on protective gloves (cooking oil may have bacteria in it) and eye protection (if splashing is possible.)

   Gloves and goggles should be in your spill response kit.

2. Stop the flow of oil, if possible

   If you can turn the container upright, do so.
   If you have epoxy putty, you can plug up a hole in the drum.

3. Block any oil from going down a drain, if this is a possibility

   You can use a drain block, if you have one, or an absorbent pad or sock, to do this.

4. Absorb the spilled oil

   Use loose sorbent, pads, socks, etc. Place these items in the path of moving oil to stop (or slow down) the movement, where appropriate.

5. Pick up the oil-filled sorbent material and place it/them into a plastic waste bag.

   Bags for this purpose are present in many spill kits, though any sturdy plastic bag will do.

6. Leave the bagged materials where they are and contact EH&S for their removal.

   Contact numbers: Main number, 412-268-8182
   Mark Banister cell number is 412-527-5616
   Madelyn Miller cell number is 412-268-5614

7. Request EH&S to replace the spill response items you used in the clean-up

   See numbers above