

INFECTIOUS WASTE SPILL CONTAINMENT AND CLEAN-UP PROCEDURE

(Developed to be utilized in the medical setting where spill kits are present)

Infectious Waste Control Manager: _____ Phone: _____
Alternates: _____ Phone: _____

Location of spill containment/clean-up kit: _____.

In the event of an infectious waste spill the following procedures shall be followed:

1. Limit access to spill area only to authorized personnel
2. Call 911 if emergency assistance is needed.
3. If assistance is needed call Public Health first or the Infectious Waste Control Manager
4. Utilize appropriate personal protective equipment during cleanup operation
5. Contain spill with absorbent material. Any absorbent material used to disinfect area or contain spill shall be considered infectious waste.
6. Place spilled contents in infectious waste bags and place in biohazard container, minimizing exposure
7. Disinfect area with an U.S. EPA registered hospital disinfectant that is tuberculocidal. Also approved, is a minimum ten percent solution of sodium hypochlorite (add approximately one cup or 8 oz of household bleach to ½ gal water), which shall be prepared immediately prior to use and sprayed onto the spilled area with a minimum of 30 minutes of contact time with the waste.
8. Clean and disinfect nondisposable items
9. Contaminated disposable PPE shall be discarded as infectious waste
10. Replenish spill kit

Note: If possible untreated/treated liquid, semi-liquid infectious wastes (blood, blood products, body fluids, excreta) should be discharged to a sanitary drain (sink or toilet). Infectious wastes that meet the definition of a hazardous waste or a radioactive waste shall be managed as hazardous waste or radioactive waste, respectively.

Spill Kits Contents:

1. Absorbent material (i.e. chlorasorb, vermiculite, absorbent pads) Spatula
2. Approved chemical disinfectant (U.S. EPA registered hospital disinfectant or household bleach / Clorox)
3. Red or biohazard labeled plastic bags
4. Impermeable and disposable overalls (tyvek suit), boots, latex gloves, masks, and protective eyewear
5. A First Aid Kit unless emergency care is available on premises, boundary tape, and other appropriate safety equipment.

This spill plan must be reviewed and signed annually.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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