

## Assembling a Spill Control Kit

Spill control kits are only to be used for small spills. If you do not have the appropriate materials or equipment, do not attempt to clean up the spill and follow your school's procedures. Your spill kit is not ever to be used in the event of a mercury spill. Follow DOE procedures for spills of mercury.

And always keep your school safety plan easily accessible in case of an emergency.

Here's what you'll need:

- A bucket of sand to contain a spill. Sand is available at your hardware store or from your custodian. Remember: Sand is a poor absorbent.
- A bucket of plain kitty litter (absorbent) available at any grocery store.
- A bucket of vermiculite (absorbent). Be sure that it is asbestos-free!
- A bucket of sodium carbonate ( $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$ ) for neutralizing an acid spill.
- Vinegar to neutralize alkaline spills.
- Acid- or base-absorbent pillows, booms or pads. These are available from science supply stores.
- Plastic broom, dust pan and plastic bags.
- Paper towels, newspapers and old rags.
- An overpack container with a lid. You'll place the neutralized materials in this for the custodian to remove.
- A marker for labeling waste.
- Gloves, an apron and a face shield or any other protective equipment that may be required.