

## BOATER POLLUTION PREVENTION KIT: KEY ITEMS FOR BOATING

Petroleum, gas and other chemicals in the water can be fatal to aquatic life, damaging to the environment and hazardous to humans. Boater Pollution Prevention and Recycling Kits are designed to clean up small spills quickly and recycle metal, glass and plastic. Use the kit to help keep our waters clean!

### DIY POLLUTION PREVENTION KIT

Don't have access to a pre-made kit? Assemble your own! Most of the items included in the kit are readily available at marina or boat shops. Keeping a kit on your boat is a great way to be prepared and to show your commitment to clean water. Check out the list of items and the components pictured on the back.



### WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE POLLUTION PREVENTION AND RECYCLING KIT?

A waterproof duffel bag stocked with:

- 1 oil bilge sock
- 1 roll of oil-absorbent sheets
- 1 fuel vent collection system
- 5 fuel nozzle bibs
- 1 lb. of recycled white rags
- 3 pairs of nitrile (rubber) gloves
- 4 heavy-duty garbage bags

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# HOW ARE THE COMPONENTS USED?

## FOR STORAGE

**1 DUFFEL BAG** — A waterproof or resistant bag to keep all of your pollution prevention items together and dry on your boat. Be sure to restock your bag at the start of each boating season.



## FOR CLEANUP

**2 OIL-ABSORBENT MATERIALS INCLUDING BILGE SOCK AND SHEETS** — Many oil-absorbent materials also repel water, which means they are great for soaking up oil in your bilge. Collecting oil from your bilge will reduce the chances of the bilge pump accidentally releasing the oil into open water.

**3 GARBAGE BAGS, RAGS AND PROTECTIVE GLOVES** — Keeping your boat neat and tidy can prevent accidental pollution and littering.

- Recycled rags, as seen in this kit, are great for cleaning up residual oil or other spills.
- Garbage bags, preferably industrial strength bags, can be used to collect used materials after you clean up a small spill. They can also hold trash or recyclable materials until you reach land.
- Protective gloves are useful when cleaning to minimize skin contact with fuel and oil.

## FOR SPILL PREVENTION

**4 FUEL VENT CATCH DEVICE** — While your boat's fuel vent makes fueling easier and reduces the chance of spill from the fill opening, it also increases the chance that overfilling the tank or "burping" can occur. When that happens, there can be an accidental release of fuel into the water. A fuel vent catch device can collect any fuel that accidentally comes out of the fuel vent.

*NOTE: Don't forget to remove the device when done fueling! Be sure to clean it before placing it back in the bag.*

**5 FUEL NOZZLE BIB** — Using a fuel bib (a small patch of material that surrounds the gas nozzle) can absorb excess fuel that may spill out of the fuel fill opening onto your boat. You can also wrap rags or oil-absorbent sheets around the nozzle.

*NOTE: Oil and fuel are hazardous substances and need to be disposed of as such. Oily materials in garbage bags should be taken to your marina manager or harbormaster so they can be disposed of properly.*