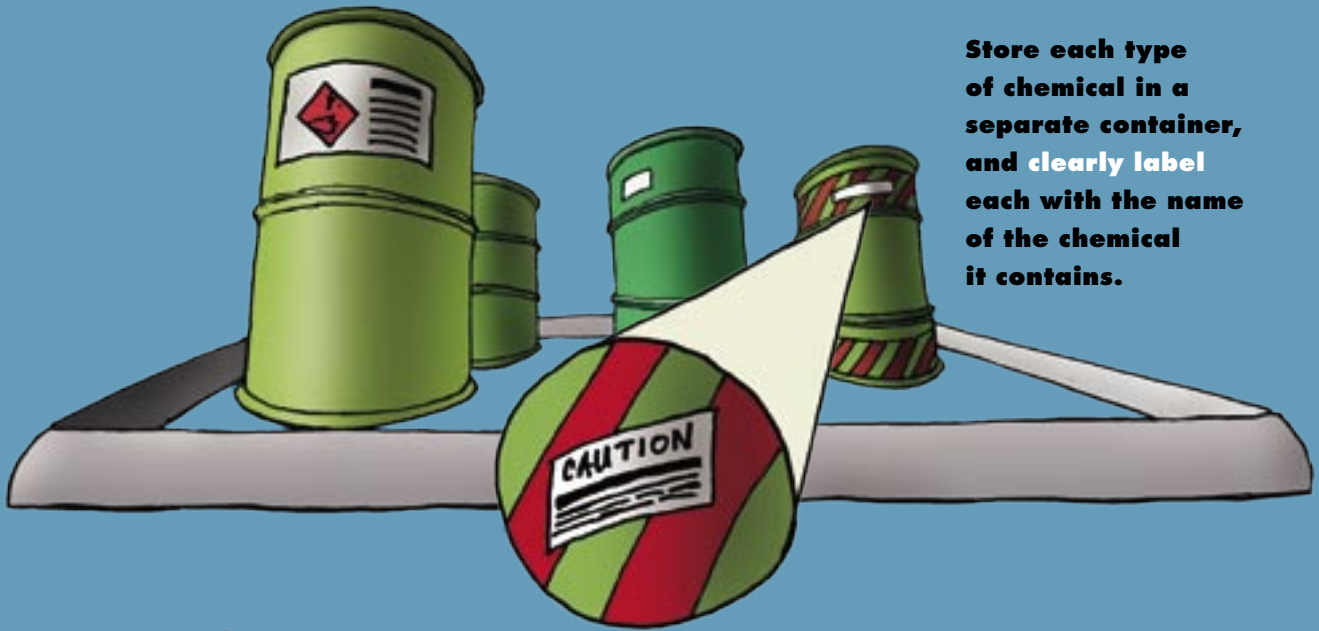


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HAZARDOUS MATERIALS





Store each type of chemical in a separate container, and clearly label each with the name of the chemical it contains.



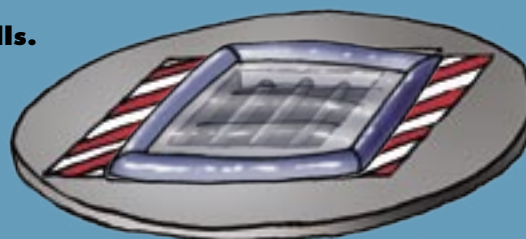
Have on hand the Material Safety Data Sheet for all hazardous substances used.



For large scale, hazardous spills, call the Fire Brigade immediately. Dial 000.



STOP. CONTROL. CONTAIN all spills. Block stormwater drains as they go to the rivers.



Hazardous materials

Hazardous materials include chemicals and other materials that can harm people and the environment.

Use of chemicals

- Investigate alternatives that are less dangerous.

Labels and material safety data sheets

- **Always** read labels on chemical products. They identify ingredients, dangers and important safety information about the product.
- **Always** have on hand the material safety data sheets (MSDS) for all hazardous substances used. An MSDS tells you how to use and dispose of a hazardous substance safely.

General information about chemicals

- Chemical containers must be stored in a covered and bunded area away from stormwater drains.
- Clearly label all containers.
- Do not store incompatible chemicals together.
- All staff must know the potential hazards.
- All staff must be aware of emergency telephone numbers.
- Have an emergency plan that outlines what to do in case of a spill.

What to do in the event of a spill

- Large-scale spills – immediately contact the Fire Brigade. **Dial 000.**
- Small-scale spills – follow the MSDS for the spilled substance.
- If the spill threatens the environment or your health you must immediately notify the Fire Brigade and Department of Environment – Pollution Response dial 6364 6500 or a/h 1800 018 800 and the Local Council.

General spill procedures

- Stop the source of the spill immediately if safe to do so.
- Make sure that staff and other people are not exposed to the spilt material.
- Contain the spill and control its flow.
- Stop the spill from entering any stormwater drains by blocking the drain inlets.
- Clean up the spill promptly by following advice in the relevant MSDS.
- Clean up equipment to be readily accessible, such as:
 - mops, brooms
 - containment booms to stop spills entering drains
 - absorbent material to clean-up spills.

Dangerous goods

- Some materials are classified as dangerous goods.
- The use and storage of dangerous goods is controlled under the Explosive and Dangerous Goods Act 1961.
- Dangerous goods are classed by the nature of their hazard, such as:
 - explosives;
 - flammable gases, liquids or solids;
 - oxidising agents;
 - poisons;
 - radioactive;
 - corrosive substances.

For more information on the transport of dangerous goods and licensing contact the Department of Consumer and Employment Protection. **Dial 9222 3413**

Need more information?

- Department of Environmental Regulation www.der.wa.gov.au
- Water Corporation www.watercorporation.com.au
- Contact your local council or shire

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