

POLLUTION PREVENTION FOR BUSINESSES



Containers equipped with double walls or other satisfactory secondary containment methods may be substituted for secondary containment.

Inspect your containment area for debris, cracks, erosion, and other issues that could compromise the integrity of the area. Spilled or leaked waste must be removed from the sump or collection area in a timely manner to prevent overflow of the collection system.

Secondary Containment

Secondary containment is a safeguard measure used to prevent accidental releases or spills of hazardous substances to the environment.

Secondary containment of liquid hazardous waste may prevent spills that may result in injuries, property damage, or expensive cleanup costs. All wastes that are produced and/or stored on site must have secondary containment that is:

- Covered (if not inside an enclosed building)
- Made of a leak-proof material
- Sturdy in construction
- Compatible with the waste it is meant to contain
- Capable of containing 10% of the volume of all the containers holding liquid, or the total volume of the largest container in the area, whichever is greater



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