

Loading and unloading of products, waste, and equipment on the waterfront must be done properly to prevent pollutants from impacting surface waters. When conducting loading and unloading activities, the following Best Management Practices (BMPs) must be followed:

- Keep work areas clean and organized to reduce the risk for spills
- At the end of each workday, store containers within a building/structure or under cover (e.g., do not leave exposed or uncovered on a pier for multiple days)
- Store materials in a leak-proof container with tight fitting lid
- Label all containers with contents/hazards or as empty
- Address leaking containers immediately – transfer contents to another suitable container or place on secondary containment
- If safe to do so, clean up leaks/spills with absorbent materials immediately
 - Pick up absorbents after use!
- Train employees on proper housekeeping and storage practices



- Not covered
- Materials stacked haphazardly
- Containers not stored upright

- Covered storage
- Elevated off ground
- Secondary containment (on left)



Contact Port Maritime Operations 24-hour line at (206) 787-3751 if a spill or sheen is going into a catch basin or deck drain