



Environmental Stewardship and You

Best Management Practices in the Marina

What are Best Management Practices?

A set of simple policies and procedures to minimize the risk of pollution at the source when cleaning or repairing your boat in the marina. The following best practices have been assembled from a variety of sources including the *Boat Repair Guide*, published by Puget Soundkeeper Alliance and endorsed by the Department of Ecology.

What's Legal in the Slip?



Boat Cleaning

- Scrub and rinse your boat often. A quick rinse after each outing reduces the need to scrub the top-side with harsh cleaners. If cleaners are used, no visible suds or discoloration of the water are permitted. Spot clean or use small amounts of phosphate-free and biodegradable soaps only when necessary. Otherwise, use alternatives such as baking soda or vinegar as all-purpose cleaners. Remember there is no legal discharge of any cleaner to our waters.
- In-water hull cleaning below the waterline is illegal for all ablative and soft-sloughing bottom paints, as well as any other bottom paints if a release occurs during the cleaning process.

Repairs

- Hull repair, refinishing and surface preparation is illegal when the vessel is in the water. This includes the portion of the hull that is above the waterline. The State has determined that there is no way to be 100% effective in containing the dust and preventing drips while working on the hull of a boat that is in the water. The exception is for minor touchups such as vessel lettering with nonmetallic paints.
- For the areas above the sides of the hull such as the deck and vessel superstructure, we are limited to working on a maximum of 25% of the area per year, and only on the areas where the deck of the boat forms a continuous collection surface. Make sure to collect all solids such as dust, flakes, chips and drips to prevent them from entering the environment.
- Drop cloths, tarps and drapes must be securely fastened to collect all materials. Limit paint containers to less than 1 gallon and mix in a secondary containment. Clean up materials daily, or more often if necessary, to prevent their release to the environment. Vacuum sanders must be used during paint preparation or removal.



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Hazardous Chemicals, Cleaners and Waste

- Hazardous or flammable chemical/materials shall not be stored in the dock lockers or on the dock floats.
- Do not place used oil, antifreeze, paints, solvents, varnishes, fluorescent light bulbs, and automotive batteries into the garbage dumpster. These materials are not to be discharged into the sanitary sewage system or into marine waters. Do not leave them on the dock. Contact the Hazardous Waste Facilities for disposal instructions.

Discharges

- Prevent oil contamination of bilge water. Do not drain oil into bilge. Fit a tray underneath the engine to collect drips. Put a couple of pads in the pan to make cleanup easier. Keep bilge area as dry as possible. Fix all fuel and oil leaks in a timely fashion.
- Do not use detergents or soaps on fuel, oil or otherwise contaminated bilge water. While enzyme-based bilge cleaners are generally safe to use, it may take some time before the oil sheen is gone. It is best to remove contaminated water and dispose of it appropriately at on-shore facilities. The discharge of emulsified oil is a violation of state law. Use absorbent pads.
- Bilge water discharges that result in a visible sheen are illegal. Any bilge discharge containing detergents or emulsifying agents is illegal. Use absorbent pads to prevent accidental oil discharge.
- Do not use detergents on oil spilled in the water. Detergents disperse spills, but do not eliminate them. Oil and detergents are toxic to fish and other marine life.

Important Phone Numbers

Emergency Response

- Fire/Police 911

Oil Spills

- National Response Center (800) 424-8802
- Washington State Spill Hotline (800) 645-7911

Hazardous Waste Management

- Olympic View Transfer Station (360) 674-2297
- Kitsap County Health District (360) 337-5235
- Kitsap County Public Works (360) 337-5777

Point of Contact

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