

SPILLAGE PROCEDURE

In the portable sanitation industry, because of the relatively safe nature of chemical products involved, it is unlikely that a serious environmental issue will occur. Basic care and attention regarding the storage of chemical containers on the vehicle, correct handling of product and checking of vacuum hoses and plant will go a long way to prevent spillage of chemicals or effluent.

Checklist for avoiding spillage - Pump Truck

1. Before leaving the yard check all hoses for fractures and damage - replace hoses and connection fittings immediately where necessary.
2. Make sure all valves and outlets on the vehicle effluent tank are secure.
3. Ensure that all chemical containers are tightly sealed and stowed securely in an upright position to avoid becoming detached from the vehicle whilst negotiating rough terrain.
4. Make sure that there is adequate spare capacity within the effluent tank for the day's workload.
5. On site do not be hasty to turn off the vacuum pump when pumping out a toilet unit as this can give rise to effluent running back down the vacuum hose onto the ground, causing site contamination.
6. Before leaving the site make sure that all containers are stowed securely on the vehicle.
7. In the case of contamination a result of a toilet being pushed over on site, please make sure your office and the site operator are advised and a correct (witnessed if possible) written record of the event be made prior to attempting to clean up the contamination.
8. It is advisable to remove a heavily contaminated toilet from site and replace it with a clean unit rather than risk further contamination attempting extensive cleaning down on site.
9. If it is not possible to remove the unit immediately from site, make sure access to the toilet is denied by means of locking the unit, a secure binding, or place a barrier around the unit. Place a notice of contamination on the toilet to prevent further access by site workers or members of the public.
10. Prior to transporting any contaminated toilet unit, ensure that no effluent or other contaminants can leak from the unit. If necessary bind securely with strong plastic sheeting to contain any possible leaks.
11. Once the contaminated toilet has been removed, clean up any other contaminants using a spillage kit and remove from site for secure disposal.

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