



Prevent Pollution from Fuel, Oil, and Debris

LITTLE IMPACTS ADD UP

It doesn't take a big spill to have devastating effects. In cold waters, a drop of oil just an inch in diameter can kill a bird. Combined, a fleet's little spills can add up to significant pollution.

What can you do?

Remember to...

- Tune and maintain your engine to increase efficiency and decrease leaks
- Keep your vessel clean so it's easier to identify and repair leaks
- Keep absorbent materials that will soak up oil and fuel, but not water, onboard

While fueling...

- Use fuel collars and pump slowly
- Don't top off your tanks (leave room for expansion) and avoid backsplash
- Never leave a hose unattended while filling
- Fill portable tanks on shore where spills are less likely to occur

During engine work...

- Keep collection pads beneath the engine to absorb oil and fluid leaks
- Wipe up spills to keep them out of the bilge water
- Wrap the filter in a plastic bag before removing it to catch drips

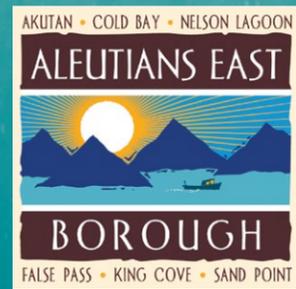
When discarding plastics...

- Never toss plastic overboard—it is ILLEGAL
- Keep plastic contained so that it can't accidentally blow away
- Properly dispose of plastic (and other garbage) on return to port

For bilge pumping...

- Don't discharge contaminated bilge water—it is ILLEGAL
- Inspect the bilge water for fuel contamination before pumping
- Routinely check the bilge for signs of fuel and oil, and fix leaks immediately
- Install an inline bilge water filter
- Don't add detergent to bilge water prior to discharge
- Clean the bilge when the boat is out of the water

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