

SOP 7: Fuel and Oil Handling

Introduction

Spills, leaks, and overfilling can occur during handling of fuels and petroleum-based materials, representing a potential source of stormwater pollution, even in small volumes. The goal of this written Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to provide guidance to municipal employees on a variety of ways by which fuels and petroleum-based materials can be delivered, as well as steps to be taken when petroleum products (such as waste oil) are loaded onto vehicles for offsite disposal or recycling. Delivery, unloading, and loading of waste oils are hereafter referred to as “handling.” Attached is a fuel delivery form checklist.

The Town of Boxford undertakes various procedures and precautions in handling fuel and oil.

Instructions: The Town of Boxford does not engage in any re-fueling operations outside of the refueling pumps located at the DPW facility. Other than small hand held equipment such as weed whackers, chain saws etc. all municipal vehicles (trucks, fire engines, police cruisers), mowers, and larger equipment is refueled onsite with spill prevention measures readily available to use as outlined in SOP4: Spill Response and Cleanup. Waste oil from municipal operations is stored in a contained 55 Gal. waste oil drum which is surrounded by a containment dike in the event of leak or spill. There is a separate drum for waste oil filters adjacent as well. These drums are sealed and closed until time of waste oil removal by a third-party vendor. The frequency of oil removal from the DPW yard varies from 1-3 months.

Procedures

The Town of Boxford will implement the following fuel and oil handling procedures to help reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4:

Delivery by Bulk (Tanker) Truck

Procedures for the delivery of bulk fuel includes the following:

- The truck driver should check in with the facility upon arrival.
- The facility representative should ensure that the appropriate spill cleanup and response equipment and personal protective equipment are readily available and easily accessible. Refer to SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup for examples of spill cleanup and response materials.
- The facility representative should check to ensure that the amount of delivery does not exceed the available capacity of the tank.
 - A level gauge can be used to verify the level in the tank.
 - If a level gauge is not functioning or is not present on the tank, the tank should be stick tested prior to filling.
- The truck driver and the facility representative should both remain with the vehicle during the delivery process.
- The truck driver and the facility representative should inspect all visible lines, connections, and valves for leaks.
- The delivery vehicle should be inspected prior to departure to ensure that the hose is disconnected from the tank.



- The facility representative should inspect the fuel tank to verify that no leaks have occurred, or that any leaked or spilled material has been cleaned and disposed of properly.
- The facility representative should gauge tank levels to ensure that the proper amount of fuel is delivered, and collect a receipt from the truck driver.

Delivery of Drummed Materials

Drummed materials may include motor oil, hydraulic fluid, transmission fluid, or waste oil from another facility (as approved). Procedures for the delivery of drummed materials should include the following:

- The truck driver should check in with the facility upon arrival.
- The facility representative should ensure that the appropriate spill cleanup and response equipment and personal protective equipment are readily available and easily accessible. Refer to SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup for examples of spill cleanup and response materials. The facility representative should closely examine the shipment for damaged drums.
 - If damaged drums are found, they should be closely inspected for leaks or punctures.
 - Breached drums should be removed to a dry, well-ventilated area and the contents transferred to other suitable containers.
 - Drums should be disposed of in accordance with all applicable regulations.
- Drummed materials should not be unloaded outdoors during wet weather events.
- The truck driver and the facility representative should both remain with the vehicle during the delivery process.
- Drums should be handled and unloaded carefully to prevent damage.
- Upon completion of unloading, the facility representative should inspect the unloading point and the drums to verify that no leaks have occurred, that any leaked or spilled material has been cleaned up and disposed of properly, and that the unloaded drums are not leaking.
- The facility representative should check to ensure that the proper amount of fuel or other material is delivered, and collect a receipt from the truck driver.

Removal of Waste Oil from the Facility

When waste oil or similar oil products need to be removed from the premises, only haulers certified to transport waste oil should be utilized. Procedures should include the following:

- The disposal truck driver should check in with the facility upon arrival.
- The facility representative should ensure that the appropriate spill cleanup and response equipment and personal protective equipment are readily available and easily accessible. Refer to SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup for examples of spill cleanup and response materials. The truck driver and the facility representative should both remain with the vehicle during the tank draining process.
- When draining is complete and the hoses are removed, buckets should be placed underneath connection points to catch drippings.
- The facility representative should inspect the loading point and the tank to verify that no leaks have occurred, or that any leaked or spilled material has been cleaned up and disposed of properly.
- The facility representative should collect a receipt from the truck driver.
- When draining bulk oil tanks:
 - The facility representative should verify that the volume of waste oil in the tank does not exceed the available capacity of the disposal hauler's vehicle.



- The disposal hauler vehicle should be inspected prior to departure to ensure that the hose is disconnected from the tank.

Employee Training

- Employees who handle or deliver fuel and/or oil are trained annually on proper procedures.
- Employees are also trained on stormwater pollution prevention, illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) procedures, and spill and response procedures.
- If services are contracted, the contractor should be given a copy of this and any applicable SOPs to ensure compliance with MS4 regulations.

Attachments

1. Fuel Delivery Checklist

Related Standard Operating Procedures

- SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup



**FUEL DELIVERY FORM
TOWN OF BOXFORD**

Date: _____
Time of Arrival: _____
Time of Departure: _____
Truck Number: _____
Name of Truck Driver: _____
Name of Town Employee: _____

BEFORE UNLOADING:

Is all spill response equipment and personal protective equipment in place?

Yes No

In the case of bulk fuel delivery, does tank capacity exceed the amount of delivery?

Yes No N/A

In the case of drum fuel delivery, are all drums free of leaks and punctures?

Yes No N/A

COMMENCE UNLOADING. REMAIN WITH VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.

AFTER UNLOADING IS COMPLETE:

Have all fuel containers, including the vehicle, been inspected for leaks?

Yes No

Has the ground at the unloading point been inspected for evidence of leaks?

Yes No

If there are any leaks or spills, has the material been properly cleaned?

Yes No

Has the correct amount of fuel been delivered?

Yes No

Has a receipt been collected?

Yes No

DELIVERY IS COMPLETE.

