



## Chemical Spills | After Hazard Preparation Checklist

### What Should I Do After a Chemical Spill?

- If you evacuated, return when emergency management officials indicate it is safe to do so.
- When officials announce that it is safe to leave shelters, open all doors and windows and turn on the air conditioning and ventilation systems.
- Be aware that a person or item that has been exposed to a hazardous chemical may be contaminated and could contaminate other people or items.

#### **If you or your animals have been exposed to hazardous chemicals:**

- Follow decontamination instructions issued by local officials. (Depending on the chemical, you may be advised to take a thorough shower, or you may be advised to stay away from water and follow other procedures.)
- Seek medical treatment for unusual symptoms as soon as possible. If medical help is not immediately available and you think you might be contaminated, remove all of your clothing and shower thoroughly (unless local officials advise you to do otherwise). Change into fresh, loose clothing and get medical help as soon as possible.
- Place exposed clothing and shoes in tightly sealed containers, such as plastic bags with twist-ties. Do not allow them to contact other materials. Contact local officials to find out about proper disposal.
- Advise everyone who comes in contact with you that you may have been exposed to a toxic substance.
- Find out from local officials how to clean up your land and property.
- Report any lingering vapors or other hazards to your local emergency services office.