

SHOPPING CLEAN & GREEN

USE YOUR PURCHASING POWER TO REDUCE OIL POLLUTION

PRODUCTS AVAILABLE AT MOST MARINE SUPPLY SHOPS

- ▶ **"OIL-ONLY" ABSORBENT PADS**
clean oil from the bilge. Dispose of used pads as hazardous waste. Find out if your marina or fuel dock will properly dispose of used pads.
- ▶ **FUEL SPILL PREVENTION DEVICES**
can prevent fuel from spilling into the water. Or, attach a fuel spill saving device. There are a variety of systems on the market. Ask a salesperson to show them to you.
- ▶ **COAST GUARD-APPROVED, ALCOHOL-RESISTANT, FLEXIBLE FUEL LINES**
reduce deterioration and leaks.
- ▶ **A SPILL-PROOF PUMP OR VACUUM**
keeps oil changes clean and easy.



MARINE ENGINES

- ▶ **FIND THE LOWEST EMISSION OUTBOARD ENGINE** designed for your boat to reduce pollution (up to 30-40%) and save money on fuel.
- ▶ **KEEP ENGINES TUNED AND OPERATING AT PEAK EFFICIENCY.** Inspect gaskets, lines and hoses for deterioration and replace.

IT IS ILLEGAL TO USE SOAP TO DISPERSE OIL OR FUEL SPILLS!

Use "oil-only" absorbents to clean oil or fuel spills. Soaps add more pollutants to the environment and emulsify oil. Once emulsified, oil cannot be removed by absorbents.

REMEMBER TO RECYCLE USED OIL AND FILTERS, LEAD ACID BATTERIES AND ANTIFREEZE

Avoid bilge and boat cleaners that emulsify the oil (they clean the bilge but pollute the water).
Remove oil from bilge with "oil-only" absorbents or steam cleaning.

PRACTICE PREVENTIVE ENGINE MAINTENANCE

It's the best way to keep a clean bilge and prevent oily discharges from your boat.



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BOAT CLEAN & GREEN

Facilities that recycle used oil, oil filters and hazardous waste disposal: **1-800-CLEANUP**

Sewage pumpout locations: **1-800-ASKFISH**

Report oil and chemical spills:
1-800-424-8802, 1-800-852-7550

For more information about environmentally sound boating, visit the clean boating website at ceres.ca.gov/coastalcomm. Funding for this publication was provided by the California Integrated Waste Management Board.



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