



## Pollution Prevention BESST Top Tips

Please find below Top Tips for Pollution Prevention.....

- **Training & Awareness**– ensure all staff and contractors understand the legal implications of spillages, incorrect waste disposal etc
- **Understand relevant legislation**- every business needs to understand the legislation which relates to their business as the penalty is a much greater cost!
- **Spill Kits** – ensure your site has spill kits at the relevant areas and they are easily accessible
- **Drainage Plans** – you need to understand the drains for your site and the implications for spills
  - If an employees car has an oil leak will this spill into a drain, will it pollute a local water source?
  - Which drains are on your site, storm drains, effluent drains?

Use colour codes for your drains so it is easily identifiable for employees / contractors
- **Report any pollution incident to the Environment Agency ASAP** – accidents do happen and this is understood so reporting incidents and dealing with them in the correct manner will have an influence on the penalty charges
- **Emergency procedures plans**– plan for all scenarios and have action plans in place for when incidents happen
- **Labelling and storage of substances** – ensure all your wastes and substances are labelled correctly and securely stored as this will decrease the likelihood of an accident
- **Regular audits** – complete inspections of your site with compliance checks to ensure
- **Check your waste contractor** – are they disposing of the waste as stated on your transfer note? If waste ends up being fly tipped as the waste producer you are responsible to ensure it is disposed of correctly and within the legal requirements.