SpillEater® FAQ

Q. What is a USDA BioPreferred Product?

A. The goal of the USDA is to increase the purchase and use of biobased product through two initiatives: procurement preference by federal agencies and their contractors and voluntary certification and labeling for consumer marketing. USDA BioPreferred program is part of 2002/2008 Farm Bills.

Q. What is a Biobased Product?

A. Biobased products are commercial or industrial products (other than food or feed) that are composed in whole, or in significant part, of biological products, renewable agricultural materials (including plant, animal and marine materials) or forestry materials. SpillEater is 96% biobased.

Q. Can SpillEater be used on virtually any liquid?

A. Unlike clay and silica based absorbents, SpillEater can be used on hydrofluoric acid, turpentine, vegetable oil, and unsaturated organic compounds without reaction. It can also be used on ammonia, drain cleaner, battery acid, water based fluids, bleach, blood, gasoline, latex paint, vomit, urine, diesel fuel, motor oil and many more.

Q. Is SpillEater safe to use on all floor surface types?

A. SpillEater, unlike many absorbents, is a non-abrasive plant fiber and is safe to use on all floor surface types without scratching.

Q. Does SpillEater have a shelf life?

A. No, but it is recommended that the product be stored in a cool, dry place with the container sealed to prevent the absorption of moisture from the surrounding environment.

Q. Does SpillEater have an odor?

A. Yes, the raw plant material has a mild earth odor; however, a trace amount of pine is added during the manufacturing process to give it a slight pine fragrance.

Q. Can SpillEater be used on carpet?

A. We recommend the use of a product that is made specifically for carpet cleaning. SpillEater will not absorb liquids that have seeped into the carpet pad and will not remove stains. However, on short commercial carpet, SpillEater will absorb the spill but a vacuum may be needed to remove all the material. It will not stain the carpet.

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Q. How does SpillEater compare to Corn Cellulose and VOBAN?

A. Other natural plant fiber absorbents do not have the patented “Fiberlock®” technology that opens the SpillEater fibers to suppress fumes and odors. Voban is simply sawdust with fragrance at a high price point.

Q. Can SpillEater be used on materials with high viscosity?

A. Yes, SpillEater performs better than other absorbents on materials such as hand soap and latex paint. Since the spill material surface is harder to contact, more time to combine might be necessary.

Q. Can SpillEater be incinerated?

A. Yes, SpillEater is a dry plant fiber that can be incinerated and produces 7,000 to 8,000 btu with little ash (about 4%). For applications where waste is burned, like cruise ships, freight, and military transports, SpillEater is the best product.

Q. What are the benefits of SpillEater absorbent?

A. SpillEater was independently tested by the University of Illinois who concluded the following:
FASTER: SpillEater absorbs 58% faster than other absorbents
SAFER: SpillEater is made from natural plant fiber and is non-toxic
ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY: SpillEater is a USDA Certified Biobased Product (96%)
EASY TO USE: Cover, combine, collect

Q. How does the price compare to other absorbents on the market?

A. SpillEater is slightly higher per pound than some absorbents. However, SpillEater is more absorbent and requires about 1/3 less product which is a savings. SpillEater also does not require a second application like many other products do. Saving money on the volume of absorbent used results in savings on transportation, warehouse and handling costs. SpillEater is faster, and there is no waiting which saves on labor cost. SpillEater can be used on any spill, so there is no need to have multiple types of absorbents. SpillEater suppresses fumes reducing risk of fire. Simply stated, SpillEater is a high performance absorbent that is safer to use and is environmentally friendly.