

# 60-Second Response Challenge

**Directions:** Present the scenarios listed below regarding waste management. Give employees 60 seconds to outline exactly what should happen next.

Who blocks the area?

Who cleans it?

What chemicals are used?

When are hands washed?

Discuss their answers and clarify expectations. This activity builds quick thinking and reinforces that spills must be handled immediately to prevent slips, contamination, and pest attraction.

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2. The outdoor dumpster lid is left open overnight after a busy shift.
3. A trash bag tears inside the kitchen, and food waste spills near a prep table.
4. An employee removes trash and immediately returns to slicing ready-to-eat food without washing hands.
5. Rainwater has collected inside the dumpster, and liquid waste is leaking onto the pavement.
6. A recycling bin is filled with food-soiled containers and loose food debris.
7. Grease is poured into a regular trash can instead of the designated grease container.
8. A strong odor is coming from the dumpster area, and flies are visible around the lid.
9. Trash bags are being stored directly on the floor in the dry storage area.
10. Cardboard boxes are stacked outside near the dumpster but not broken down, creating harborage for pests.
11. The dumpster area has visible food debris on the ground from a recent pickup.
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