

Used oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in U.S. waterways. Most is dumped by “do-it-yourselfers”.

In 1960, service stations performed 90% of automotive oil changes. Today about 60% of automotive oil is changed at home and much is dumped into storm drains, poured on the ground or sent to a landfill with the trash.

In Colorado, more than a million gallons of used motor oil is thrown away each year.

Every two weeks, “do-it yourselfers” pour used motor oil down storm drains in amounts equal to that spilled by the Exxon Valdez. That’s approximately 240 million gallons each year. (American Petroleum Institute)

THE USED OIL PROBLEM

One pint of oil can produce a slick of approximately one acre on water.

Used oil may contain toxic chemicals which are harmful to the environment and public health.

Discarding oil wastes a valuable resource.

Improper disposal of oil directly on the ground, down a storm drain, or in the trash threatens the quality of our water and environment.

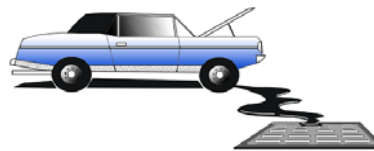
WHAT TO DO WITH USED MOTOR OIL



NO!
Waste oil disposed of in landfills

or dumped on the ground can seep into the ground water, which may contaminate wells or surface waters.

NO!
When dumped into storm drains or gutters, oil may be carried into lakes and Cache La Poudre River



NO!
Using waste oil to control dust on roads or

allowing a car to leak oil poses a threat to the environment. Oil can seep into groundwater or be carried by rain and snowmelt as runoff into lakes and rivers, like Cache la Poudre and South Platte.

YES!
RECYCLE YOUR USED OIL!!!
Oil is a valuable resource, which can be reused when properly cleaned.



WHY RECYCLE??

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It takes 42 gallons of crude oil to produce 2.5 quarts of new lubricating oil. Just one gallon of used oil can be re-refined into the same 2.5 quarts.

Recycling used oil could reduce national petroleum imports by 25.5 million barrels of oil per year.

Recycling used oil can significantly reduce the amount of oil, which reaches Greeley’s ground and surface water.

HOW TO RECYCLE

Always drain oil to a drip pan or other suitable container. After you have changed the oil in your car, truck or other motor vehicle, using a funnel pour the waste oil into an unbreakable container, seal it, label it “Used Oil” and keep it out of the reach of children and pets. Take the Used Oil container and the filter to Weld county Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. Drain the oil filter for at least 72 hours.

A used plastic milk jug with a cap works well as a container.

Do not mix any other materials with used oils.

Have your car serviced to prevent or stop oil leaks.

MORE INFORMATION

The companies listed below in the Greeley area provide recycling for used oil.

- Weld County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center – Greeley Site
1311 North 17th Avenue
HOURS: Every Tuesday and Saturday
8:00am to 5:00pm
Take Oil and Oil Filters
FREE to Weld County Residents

Advanced Auto Parts 2707 23 rd Av 330-0132	These businesses do not accept oil filters and there is usually a 3 to 5 gallon maximum limit allowed. There may be a minimum charge
Checker Auto Parts 2701 8 th Av 346-8428	
Checker Auto Works 3483 West 10 th St 353-0733	
Grease Monkey 2601 West 28 th St	



The message is clear; we all play a role in protecting our water resources. Watch for storm drain plaques in your neighborhood.

Storm Drain Pollution From Used Motor Oil

Law prohibits disposal of USED MOTOR OIL into the storm drains or detention ponds. Specifically, City Of Greeley Ordinance # 32, Chapter 14.16.170 – Prohibits Illegal Discharges to Stormwater Drainage system. There are monetary penalties for violating this City Ordinance including clean up costs in addition to a fine of not more than \$1,000 per violation

“NO DUMPING, DRAINS TO RIVER”

Urban areas produce many pollutants from day-to-day activities. Water from rain and snow flows over impervious surfaces (streets and parking lots) and picks up contaminants such as motor oil, pesticides, trash and other pollutants.

Runoff water collects in gutters and storm drains and flows directly to streams with NO TREATMENT. Wastes must be properly disposed of to prevent urban contaminants from polluting our lakes and rivers to protect fish and wildlife.

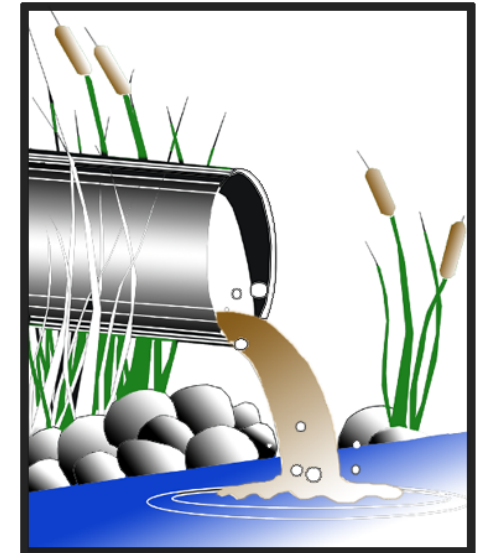
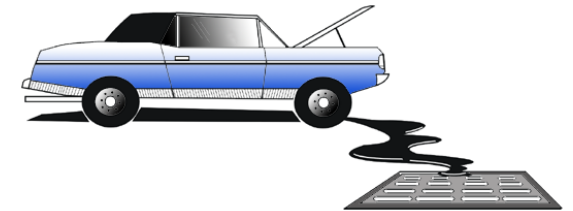
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USED MOTOR OIL



**Only Rain Down the
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