

Recycle Used Motor Oil & Filters

Each year, millions of gallons of used oil are illegally poured down drains and sewers or disposed of in the trash, harming our environment. Recycling used oil and filters helps eliminate pollution of our soil, waterways and drinking water.

Here's how to properly recycle used oil and filters:



After changing your motor oil, **DRAIN** oil filter into a drain pan or container for at least **24 hours**.



POUR used motor oil into container using a funnel to avoid spills.

- You may use the containers your oil came in, or a clean reusable plastic container with a screw-on lid.
- Be sure to use a drop cloth, and use rags to wipe up spills.
- For big spills, soak up with an absorbent such as kitty litter and then dispose in trash.
- DO NOT MIX used motor oil with any other automotive fluids, such as anti-freeze or brake fluid. Contaminated oil cannot be recycled.
- DO NOT hose down your work area.
- SCREW LID on TIGHTLY. Wipe up any oil on outside of container.

Place oil filter in a reclosable plastic bag.



If you live in Ceres AND have curbside recycling, place oil and filter at curbside near your blue recycling toter on your collection day. For the bi-weekly collection schedule, check out the city's website at www.ci.ceres.ca.us.



If you live in an apartment without curbside pickup, you can take your used oil and filter to the **Stanislaus County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility**:

1710 Morgan Rd. Open Fridays and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. except major holidays. Call (209) 525-6789 for more information.

For the locations of other used oil and filter collection centers in Ceres, call **1-800-CLEANUP** or visit www.RecycleUsedOil.com

USED OIL FACTS

- One gallon of used oil can pollute one million gallons of fresh water!
- Just one pint of oil can produce a slick on the ocean's surface the size of a football field!
- Used motor oil can contain toxic substances such as benzene, lead, zinc, and cadmium.
- Before it is drained, an oil filter can contain one pint to one quart of used oil.
- Used oil filters are recyclable because they're made of steel.
- Filters can be recycled into new steel products, such as cans, cars, and appliances, and construction materials such as rebar and beams.

**YOU DUMP IT,
YOU DRINK IT!**