

## **EASY WAYS TO RECYCLE USED OIL AND OIL FILTERS**

Pouring used motor oil on the ground, into a storm drain or throwing it in the trash are all harmful ways of disposing of used motor oil. Proper handling and recycling will guarantee that used motor oil does not make its way into local water supplies. Should oil get into the environment, it can quickly pollute large amounts of water. One gallon of motor oil can contaminate one million gallons of fresh water. That is one year's supply of water for 50 people! Used oil is insoluble, slow to degrade, and very sticky, which poses a health threat to humans, plants, animals and the environment.

So how can you dispose of used oil properly? Here are some quick and easy tips.

### **Tips on Collecting Used Motor Oil & Filters**

1. Drain and collect used motor oil in an oil drain pan or clean, leak proof container with a screw-top lid. Certain everyday household containers can also be used for used motor oil collection, including milk and water jugs or the original motor oil bottles. DO NOT use a container that previously held household chemicals, such as cleaners, solvents, fuels (gasoline), paint or bleach. Clearly label the container "Used Motor Oil". Keep collected used motor oil out of reach of children and pets at all times.
2. Replace the old filter with a new one. Place the open end of the filter in the drain pan or on the used oil recycling container to allow as much of the used oil as possible to drain out of the filter. It is recommended that you leave the filter in this draining position for at least 12 hours.
3. Place the used oil filter in a leak-proof container like a coffee can with a lid or sealable plastic bag.
4. Take the used oil and oil filters to a certified collection center. Go to [www.Earth911.com](http://www.Earth911.com) or call 1-800-CLEANUP to find the closest recycling center near you.

### **Easy Ways to Recycle Used Oil & Filters**

- 1) **Come to the CVAG Used Oil Filter Exchange Events:**  
Bring your used oil and used oil filters for recycling to one of the Used Oil Filter Exchange Events and receive a replacement filter for FREE. Participants will also receive a shop rag, funnel, and drainer container for FREE (while supplies last). Visit [www.cvag.org](http://www.cvag.org) for the 2013 schedule.
- 2) **Curbside Pick-up:**  
Your waste hauler may offer free curbside pick-up of your used motor oil and oil filters. Call your hauler to arrange for a pick-up on your next regular trash collection day.

***Residents in the cities of Cathedral City, Coachella, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Rancho Mirage, and Palm Desert:*** Call Burrtec Waste & Recycling Services at (760)340-2113.

***Residents in the cities of Palm Springs and Desert Hot Springs:*** Call Palm Springs Disposal & Desert Valley Disposal Services at (760)327-7283.

**3) Take your oil to a certified collection center:**

Please contact the certified center prior to your visit for any limits on the amount of used oil accepted. To find a collection center near you log on to [www.CalRecycle.ca.gov](http://www.CalRecycle.ca.gov) or [www.Earth911.org](http://www.Earth911.org). You can search by your zip code, city, or county.

**4) Service Stations:**

You can also have your oil changed by a service station that recycles the oil for you!