

Drive Green. Use Re-refined Oil

Did you know used motor oil can be re-refined into clean motor oil, ready to use in your car? Did you know that dumping just one gallon of oil into the ground can spoil over one million gallons of drinking water?

Many communities in Southern California, especially in the Coachella Valley, depend on abundant supplies of clean, drinkable groundwater. What we do with our used motor oil helps ensure a clean and healthy environment today and for future generations. Recycling and reusing motor oil is another way to reduce our dependence on imported oil.

Residents of the Coachella Valley have done a great job in participating in the region's recycling programs. The fact that paper, plastic and metals are recycled in large numbers has made a positive impact on the environment. The Coachella Valley also has a well-established program to recycle used motor oil right at our disposal! When it's recycled, motor oil can be cleaned to standards just as pure as virgin motor oil. Using re-refined oil honors warranties from manufacturers, and it is just as good for your car.

Oil never wears out, it just gets dirty. Re-refined oil is used motor oil that gets cleaned through a state-of-the-art process to become "good-as-new" oil. It must undergo comprehensive testing in order to receive certification by the American Petroleum Institute (API). The API certification mark ensures you that the re-refined oil you are buying has been proven to meet auto manufacturers' specifications for optimum engine performance.

If you have your oil changed by a professional, request that they use re-refined oil. If you change your own oil, you can buy re-refined oil at many popular auto parts stores. Also, be sure you take your used oil to a certified used-oil collection center. When you buy re-refined motor oil you will be helping to create a market for the product and will be driving the recycling process.

You can find the nearest certified used-oil collection center by visiting the directory of centers published by CalRecycle. Please visit the directory at the following websites:

www.calrecycle.ca.gov

www.Earth911.com

