



# **Recycle Used Motor Oil!**

## **When You Do It Yourself, Do It Right!**

### **Used Motor Oil Is Still a Major Pollutant**

Used motor oil is still a major pollutant of soil and water in New Jersey. Recycling programs have been in place for years, but many people still do not bring their “do-it-yourself” used motor oil to collection centers.

When it is poured down storm sewers, it flows directly into streams and lakes where it kills wildlife. When poured on the ground, it contaminates soil, and may contaminate wells.

By recycling your used motor oil, you can keep the environment safe, and save resources. Used motor oil can be re-refined into motor oil that’s as good as new, or reprocessed as industrial boiler fuel.

### **Do It Right**

After changing your motor oil, put the used oil in a clean, reusable container that has a cap or lid that closes securely. To find used motor oil recycling drop-off locations in your county, as well as additional information on used motor oil recycling, visit the NJDEP website at [https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/classd/used\\_oil\\_dropoff.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/dep/dshw/recycling/classd/used_oil_dropoff.pdf). Earth911 - <https://earth911.com/> - can also help you find collection centers in your area.

Never mix other substances such as antifreeze, paint thinner or parts cleaner with your used motor oil! This will make it impossible to recycle and costly to dispose. You can dispose of these other substances at your county’s next Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.

Don’t forget to recycle used motor oil from small engines. Mowers, snow blowers, and motorboats all use motor oil. Even the small amounts from these motors can pollute soil and groundwater if discarded improperly.

You can support recycling by purchasing re-refined lubricating oil for your engines. Look for the API certification mark, which tells you that the re-refined oil meets all standards.

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