



Oil and Storm Water Doesn't Mix

Automotive fluids are a major concern that contributes to storm water pollution. The amount of used oil from a single oil change can contaminate a million gallons of freshwater, which is an entire year's supply for 50 people. These pollutants often get into the ground and surface water supplies. The key to prevention is proper material storage, cleanup and handling of automotive fluids. To minimize pollution in the environment you can do the following:

- Do not pour liquid waste down floor drains, sinks, or outdoor storm drain inlets.
- Conduct maintenance work such as fluid changes indoors.
- Routinely check under vehicles for leaks or drips and address immediately.
- Clean up spills immediately, whenever possible without using water.
- Store all unused fluids in original containers.
- Use non-hazardous cleaners when possible.
- Promptly transfer used fluids to appropriate containers.
- Take used motor oil to a service station or other location that collects used motor oil for recycling.



For more tips on recycling used motor oil visit EPA's Used Oil Management Program at: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/conserves/materials/usedoil/#tips> Your participation makes a difference for our health and the environment.