

Who benefits?

Used oil contains a whole range of compounds that can harm the environment and peoples health. Even tiny quantities of these substances can be of concern.

The oil itself has it's worst effects in water. Even a small amount of oil going down the drain can cause serious problems in our streams and lakes. Oil tipped on the ground can also contaminate the soil and groundwater and kill plant life.



Disposing of used oil safely benefits us all by giving us:

- ▶ Safer work environment
- ▶ Cleaner waterways
- ▶ Safer drinking water
- ▶ Healthier soils and less pollution

It is also an investment in our economy and our trade through:

- ▶ Enhancement of our international reputation of being clean and green

Domestic users

You want to do the right thing - *Where do you start?*

- ✓ Find out where the nearest public oil recovery site is, and take your used oil there, e.g Public landfill recycling centre, local service stations.
- ✓ Ask your local garage or service station what they do with their used oil, and ask them to set up a recovery site for the oil you purchased from them.
- ✓ Talk to you neighbours and friends about the need to dispose of used oil safely. How they handle it will affect you and your environment.
- ✗ Don't pour used oil on the garden to kill weeds.
- ✗ Don't pour used oil down any drains.
- ✗ Don't use oil on driveways/roads to keep the dust down.
- ✗ Don't burn used oil in the incinerator.

For more information contact:



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Management of used oil

