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Managing Used Motor Oil

You dump it, you drink it.

Handle used motor oil safely.

- **Follow** good housekeeping practices and your state's management standards.
- **Do not mix** used motor oil with anything.
- **Accept used motor oil** from Do-It-Yourselfers (DIYs) and send it for recycling or reuse. Call the RCRA Call Center (1-800-424-9346) for details about a liability exemption.
- **Keep** clean-up materials such as rags, sand, booms or clay kitty litter close at hand.
- **Contain** spilled oil by spreading sand or other clean-up material over and around the used motor oil.
- **Buy and maintain** reusable clean-up materials when possible.
- **Recycle** used oil clean-up materials or send them to an energy recovery facility when possible.
- **Reduce** waste and save money by using extraction devices (e.g., centrifuges, wringers and compactors) to recover used motor oil from reusable clean-up materials.
- **Remove** used motor oil from rags or other clean-up materials and recycle the motor oil as you normally would.
- **Put** used cleaning materials in the trash when they do not contain any free-flowing oil and when they can no longer be reused or recycled.
- **Send** used motor oil to a re-refiner whenever possible.



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