



# Used Motor Oil and Oil Filter Recycling Guide



## Used Motor Oil is a Hazardous Waste

Used motor oil is a hazardous waste that should never be put in the garbage or dumped in the storm drains or on the ground. Just one quart of motor oil can contaminate 250,000 gallons of water, creating health risks and environmental impacts across our community.

## Recycling is Free and Easy

Used motor oil can be refined and reconditioned to become usable again. Paper, steel, and plastic from used oil filters can also be recycled.

There are three options for recycling used motor oil and filters:

1. Curbside residential recycling pickup
2. Certified Collection Center drop-off locations
3. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility

No matter where you live in the City, there is a free and easy recycling option close to you. You can visit [recycleusedoil.org](http://recycleusedoil.org) to find a location near you.

## Improper Disposal is Illegal Disposal

When you dispose hazardous materials properly, it benefits you and your community, and protects the environment. Improper disposal can harm the environment, injure workers, and result in fines or fees. Be sure to recycle your used motor oil and filter right.

## STEP 1. POUR OIL INTO CONTAINER

### 1 Grab an approved container

In order to be accepted for recycling, used motor oil and filters must be sealed in clean, sturdy, leak-proof plastic containers.

Email [oaklandcs@calwaste.com](mailto:oaklandcs@calwaste.com) or call (510) 625-5263 to order a free Motor Oil Recycling Kit (required for curbside recycling) or learn about acceptable alternatives for drop-off recycling.



### 3 Pour the oil from the drain pan into your clean plastic container

\*If your oil is contaminated, do not dump it. Take it to Oakland's Household Hazardous Waste facility. Visit [household-hazwaste.org](http://household-hazwaste.org) or call (800) 606-6606 for days and hours of operation.



Seal it up tightly, and do not mix oil with anything else!\*

### 2 Drain the oil into a drain pan

- Use a pan that can hold twice the volume of oil in the engine's crankcase
- Drain until the oil has slowed to an intermittent drip
- Replace the drain plug before removing the drain pan



### Recycle empty oil containers.

Drip dry overnight, replace the cap, and place in your recycling cart.

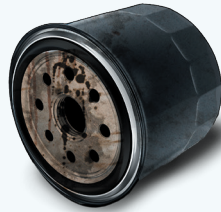


## STEP 2. PUT FILTER INTO A PLASTIC BAG

- 1 Allow the filter to drain for at least 24 hours



One filter can hold up to a quart of oil!



Seal it up tightly!



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Place the empty filter into a clean, sealable plastic bag

## STEP 3. RECYCLE AT THE CURB...OR

- 1 Place your Motor Oil Recycling Kit on the curb next to the recycling cart or bin on your weekly pickup day

**IMPORTANT:** Used oil and filters will only be accepted for curbside recycling pickup in containers provided by California Waste Solutions (CWS).

The Motor Oil Recycling kit features a sturdy plastic gallon jug, instructions, and a special oil filter recycling bag.

Place the Motor Oil Recycling Kit on the ground next to the recycle cart or bin on collection day. CWS will collect the full container(s) and replace the kit with an empty one.

Order your free kit today

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## STEP 4. TAKE IT TO A DROP-OFF SITE

- 1 Certified Collection Centers (CCCs)



There are more than a dozen CCCs in the City of Oakland. These local businesses accept used motor oil and filters during regular business hours. CCCs will take up to 5 gallons at a time.

To locate a CCC near you, visit [recycleusedoil.org](http://recycleusedoil.org) or [m.calrecycle.ca.gov/mobile/UsedOil/](http://m.calrecycle.ca.gov/mobile/UsedOil/)

- 2 Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Facility

Oakland's Household Hazardous Waste facility accepts more than just used motor oil. Fluorescent bulbs, Paints, Stains, Solvents, Thinners, Adhesives, Pesticides, Cleaners, Household Garden and Auto Chemicals, Spray Cans, Batteries, and Electronics are accepted from all Alameda County residents. Limit is 15 gallons / 125 pounds per vehicle.

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