



Car Care Corner

Recycle Used Motor Oil

(NAPSA)—Here's a slick idea: Changing your car's motor oil is an important part of maintaining engine protection and performance. What most people don't realize is that what's done after the oil change is just as important.

Almost half of the oil changes done in the United States are performed by car owners who do it themselves. Although the majority follow proper procedures, one oil change, improperly disposed and not recycled, can contaminate a million gallons of fresh water; a year's supply for 50 people.

To properly dispose of used motor oil, remember the four "C"s:

1) **CHECK:** Check the mileage on your car. Maintaining proper oil change intervals is an important way to maximize engine protection and performance. You can also check your vehicle owner's manual for oil change information.

2) **CONTAIN:** Use a funnel to prevent spills. Transfer the used oil to a proper recycling container that is leakproof with a screw-top lid, such as a motor oil bottle or a sealable approved drip pan.

DO NOT use a container that previously held household chemicals, such as cleaners, solvents, fuels (gasoline), paint or bleach.

3) **CLEAN:** Some oil drip pans double as a recycling container, if they can be sealed for transport. Be sure to let excess motor oil drain into a recycling container.



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DO NOT rinse the residual oil down the drain. The drip pan should be stored in a plastic bag for reuse during the next oil change.

4) **CARRY:** Carry the sealed recycling container to a recycling center. There are more than 30,000 such centers nationwide and many automotive shops and quick lube retailers will take used motor oil in a proper container.

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You can learn more and find a nearby recycling center online at the Castrol Web site, www.castrol.com/recycling. For further information in Spanish and English, call 1 (800) CleanUp (1-800-253-2687).