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# Motor Oil Recycling

Attention do-it-yourselfers, recycle your motor oil!

## Why recycle motor oil?

Motor oil doesn't wear out. It just gets dirty as it circulates through a car engine. **The oil can be refined and reused.** Recycling used motor oil helps protect our environment from pollution and decreases our dependence on foreign oil supplies. You can recycle used motor oil—not just from a car or truck—but also from a boat, motorcycle, recreational vehicle, or lawn mower.

## How do I recycle used oil?

Collect used motor oil in a secure container, and **drop it off (for free) at an EnviroPartner business.** There is a partial listing in the blue box below. Find a [complete listing on our website](#), including store addresses and hours.

## Can I recycle motor oil at a mobile collection or the HEC<sub>3</sub>?

Yes. We now **accept used motor oil at [mobile collection events](#) and at our [HEC<sub>3</sub> facility](#)** (see page 19).

## What is the fee for recycling my motor oil?

Zero. **There is no charge to drop off your used oil** at any of the businesses listed on our website. This is a community service provided to help protect the environment.

## How is used oil recycled?

The used oil is vacuumed from the collection tank, and delivered to a processor for removal of dirt and other contaminants. The oil is re-refined into new motor oil, or utilized as a fuel for industrial burners or power plants. **Refining used oil takes 50% less energy** than refining crude oil. If all of the used oil from American do-it-yourself oil changers were recycled, it would produce enough motor oil to keep 50 million cars running for a year.

## Can I recycle used oil filters?

Yes. **Many of our EnviroPartners also accept used oil filters.** Check our website (see below) for a [comprehensive listing](#).



## What container do I use?

Please pour used oil into a clean, empty plastic container with a lid. **Never mix used oil** with other automotive fluids (such as anti-freeze) or water since that can prevent recycling.



*Store your motor oil in a clean plastic container with a lid, such as a milk jug.*

## Is it okay to pour used oil in the trash can?

No! Motor oil is hazardous waste. **Dumping motor oil in the garbage, on the ground, or down a storm drain is illegal.** Improper disposal of used motor oil from just a single oil change can pollute one million gallons of fresh water! Used oil in a waterway can harm or kill local fish, birds, and other wildlife.

## Where to Recycle Used Motor Oil



There are **over 60 locations in Pinellas County that recycle your motor oil** at no charge. You can drop off used motor oil at a local mobile collection (see page 19), the [Household Electronics and Chemical Collection Center](#) (see page 19), or at an [EnviroPartner business](#).

Visit [pinellascounty.org/utilities/oilsites.htm](http://pinellascounty.org/utilities/oilsites.htm) for a **complete list of oil recycling sites**.

The following is a list of the EnviroPartner stores with multiple locations that accept used motor oil:

- **Advance Auto Parts** (19 locations)
- **Autozone** (8 locations)
- **Firestone Auto** (4 locations)
- **Jiffy Lube** (3 locations)
- **Tires Plus** (3 locations)
- **Walmart** (3 locations)



*Simply pour your motor oil into the collection tank at your local EnviroPartner.*