

**SAM—WASTE PREVENTION AND RECYCLING OF  
NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE**

**MOTOR OIL**  
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Used motor oil is a hazardous waste that must be properly managed. It is against the law to pour used oil onto the ground or into storm drains, or place into trash cans (even in a sealed container) as it can contaminate and pollute the soil, groundwater, streams, and rivers. Recycling used motor oil reduces this pollution threat and allows a waste material to be recycled, cleaned, and used again.

Certified used oil collection centers will accept used oil from the public at no charge, and can be found via the Certified Collection Center search tool. Certified collection centers will not accept used motor oil that has been contaminated with other fluids such as antifreeze, solvents, gasoline, or water. If used oil is suspected of being contaminated, local agencies can be contacted for information on management options.

More information on used oil management can be found on the Used Oil Recycling Home Page (<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/>)

To find a certified used oil recycling center:

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/Reports/CenterSearch/Default.aspx?lang=en-US>