



# Motor Trade Association of SA Environmental Fact Sheet

## MOBILE MECHANIC REPAIRS

### Mobile mechanics responsibilities

Mobile mechanics are responsible for ensuring they leave each worksite uncontaminated. Polluting the environment is illegal. Poor work practices could lead to fines being issued by the Environment Protection Authority.

### Spill management

- Ensure a spill mat or drip tray is placed under the vehicle to capture any leaks and spills
- Keep a portable spill kit available at all times to clean up the largest possible spill
- The spill kit needs to be capable of containing and cleaning up oil, petrol diesel, battery acid and coolant spills.
- Be aware of emergency spill clean up procedures and practices
- Note all storm water entry points at each worksite, keeping these protected so work processes do not contaminate the storm water

### Vehicle washing

- Clean vehicles on a wash mat with inflatable sides to collect wash water for disposal to an EPA licenced contractor
- Alternatively wash the vehicle on a grassed area using biodegradable, phosphate free detergents
- Do not wash vehicles on the road, driveway, or parking areas where wash water is directed to storm water drains

### Waste management

- Collect liquid wastes and contaminated parts to be taken away for recycling or disposal by an EPA licensed waste contractor
- The main base of the mobile service should have suitable containment facilities to manage returned liquid and solid wastes
- Do not dispose of liquid wastes and oil filters into wheelie bins
- Capture waste water and place in an oil separation system before disposal to sewerage as outlined by the waste water discharge permit
- Do not flush radiator systems unless the wash water is captured and disposed of appropriately

### Any questions call the MTA

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