



# Motor Trade Association of SA Environmental Guideline

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

### Why manage your waste?

Managing the amount of waste you produce can save your business money and help the environment by reducing green house gas emissions.

Many waste products can be reused or recycled before entering landfill. When managing the waste produced by your business you should aim to minimise the amount of waste that enters landfill.

### Suggested management strategies

**Batteries** must be stored off the ground, undercover in a bunded area. As soon as practicable have the batteries removed by an Environment Protection Authority (EPA) authorised recycler.

**Indicators and bumper bars** should be reused where possible or recycled.

**Metals** most recyclers will pay for sorted metals particularly in large quantities. Paint tins, scrap metal, metal containers can all be recycled.

**Oil filters** should be drained into a waste oil container. Crushing the oil filters in a modified drill press is a good way of allowing more filters to be placed in a storage bin ready for collection by a recycler.

**Packaging and cardboard** should be recycled or ask suppliers to take back cardboard packaging. To reduce the amount of packaging order supplies in bulk.

**Plastics** both hard and soft can be recycled

**Radiators** should be stored inside the workshop or under cover on sealed ground to reduce the risk of zinc or residual coolant washing into the soil or storm water.

**Rags** should be picked up for cleaning or appropriate disposal particularly if contaminated by oil or other dangerous substances. Do not dispose of to general rubbish.

**Spray booth filters** must be wrapped in the packaging from the new filters this prevents the paint dust from becoming airborne when the industrial waste bin is emptied.

**Oil and prescribed wastes** should be stored in clearly labeled sealed containers and taken away by an EPA licenced waste contractor.

**Wooden palettes** can be recycled or returned to suppliers.

**Paper** can be recycled, consider storing paper in a dry storage bag or wool bale.

**Wet Sanding wastes** can be disposed of to sewer only after treatment to remove paint solids.

### Any questions call the MTA

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