

GPG 18 Disposing of Waste Oil



Governing Legislation and Standards:

Environment Protection Act
Environment Protection (Transport) Regulations
(Prescribed Waste) Regulations



Summary Information:

All used oils (including engine oil, machine oil, hydraulic oil, coolant oils and quenching oils) are Prescribed Wastes.

Because it is illegal to dump waste oil into land fill, all containers must be drained of all residue oil before they can be included with General Waste.

Wherever possible you should endeavour to recycle waste oil.



Further Help:

VACC Environmental Product and Service Directory or the EPA Website for a list of waste oil recyclers.

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Good Practice Risk Control:

- Before you dispose of any oil container to the General Waste, make sure that you properly drain and collect all of the oil from it.
- Oil filters can be recycled - visit the EPA Victoria website to find out the details of recyclers that collect used oil filters
- Collect all of your waste oils in secure, clearly labelled drums or tanks that are stored in a roofed and bunded area.
- Install purpose built, or approved, space heaters capable of using suitable waste oil as a fuel source.
- Appoint an EPA approved contractor to remove and dispose of, or recycle, your waste oil.
- Keep records detailing the amount of waste oil you dispose of together with the costs this incurs (Invoices that include these details will do).
- Keep all the invoices your waste contractors give you for at least 3 years.