



Prescribed Industrial Waste - Oil Filters

Since 1 July 2007 used oil filters have been prohibited from being sent to landfill in Victoria. The *Environment Protection Act 1970* and the *Environment Protection (Industrial Waste Resource) Regulations 2009* is the legislation which governs this. For specific legal requirements for oil filters refer to the *Industrial Waste Resource Guidelines* 4.3 Oil Filters.

Used oil filters have been classified by the Victorian Government as a product that can be recycled and reused. There are recycling opportunities for the waste oil in oil filters, as well as the metal filter casing and cardboard filter materials.

How to Dispose of Used Oil Filters

Recycling of oil filters can be done in three easy steps:

1. Drain – oil filters can be recycled by separating the oil from the metal casing. This can be achieved by hot draining and/or puncturing the oil filter.
2. Segregate – separate the oil filters using 200 litre drums, according to type and size.
3. Arrange pick-up for recycling – have an EPA approved transporter collect the drained and sorted oil filters.

Alternatively

Oil filters can be recycled with **scrap metal** by cleaning the filter to remove ALL free oil. This can be achieved through processes such as puncturing, draining, high pressure crushing, dismantling, shredding and washing, to remove the oil from the metal casing. This requires the appropriate technology, and can only be added to scrap metal if ALL the oil is separated from the filter. Please note that filters that are only drained and/or crushed using a low pressure crusher generally have free oil remaining in the filter. This produces metal of inconsistent quality and is therefore NOT suitable for scrap metal recycling. For more information on how to recycle used oil filters contact the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA).

Environmental Guidelines



Please Note

Many licensed recyclers that collect waste oil from businesses can also collect used oil filters.

Important Link

EPA Industrial Waste Resource Guidelines *Oil Filters* found at <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/industrial-waste-guidelines.asp> under 4.3 *Classification for Reuse*.

Further Information



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Note: This Good Practice Guideline is not a complete statement of law relevant to this topic. Further legal advice must be sought if complete information is required.