



Prescribed Industrial Waste - Waste Oil

All used oils including engine oil, machine oil, hydraulic oil, coolant oils and quenching oils, are classified as Prescribed Industrial Waste. As a result, it is illegal to dump waste oil into landfill or waterways.

All containers must be drained of all residue oil before they can be recycled. Wherever possible you should endeavour to recycle waste oil.

Disposing of used oil the wrong way has the potential to pollute land, water and wildlife. For example, one litre of oil disposed of incorrectly has the potential to contaminate one million litres of water! As a result we need to recover and recycle as much waste oil as possible.

How to Dispose of Waste Oil

- Collect all of your waste oils in secure, clearly labelled drums or tanks that are stored in an undercover and bunded area.
- If stored in a double skinned tank there is no need for bunding, however if stored in a single skinned tank the tank must be bunded.
- Appoint an EPA approved contractor to remove and dispose of your waste oil.
- Keep the Waste Transport Certificate from the contractor for at least 24 months.

Please Note

If you only collect a small amount of used oil from vehicles or farm machinery, you can take it to your local used oil facility run by your local council or shire. Usually the facility will be located at the landfill, waste transfer station or works depot.

Some used oil facilities will also take your oil filters, oily rags, and plastic oil containers.

Environmental Guidelines



Government Support

In 2001 the Australian Government introduced the Product Stewardship for Oil Program (PSO). This program was introduced to provide incentives to increase used oil recycling within Australia. Administered by the Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts, the PSO encourages the environmentally sustainable management of used oil and its re-use.

Links

Industrial Waste Resource Guidelines *Motor Vehicle Repair & Service Premises* found at <http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/waste/industrial-waste-guidelines.asp> under 6.4 *Additional Guidance*.

Further Information



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