

Where to Recycle

FREE Disposal Sites for Household Hazardous Waste

*waste oil should not be contaminated with water or other chemicals



For disposal of regular oil and transmission fluids
995 Center Drive, DuPont
Hours: Sun: 8AM-5PM
Mon-Fri: 8AM-7PM
Sat: 7AM-6PM

Tacoma Transfer Center

3510 South Mullen, Tacoma
Open seven days a week
Hours: 8AM to 6PM
253-502-2100

<http://www.cityoftacoma.org/Page.aspx?hid=1659>

Note: You must show proof of county residence to use this facility (a WA State driver's license). Household hazardous waste disposal is not available for businesses.

The Hidden Valley Transfer Station

17925 Meridian Street East on So Hill, Puyallup
Open Tuesdays and Thursdays Hours:
8AM to noon and 1PM to 5PM
253-847-7555

<http://www.lriservices.com>

For More Information

*check with locations on acceptable household hazardous waste

Call the Tacoma Pierce County Health Department's Hazardous Waste Hotline at 1-800-287-6429 for information on properly disposing of industrial hazardous waste.

Pierce County Public Works Solid Waste Division

2702 S. 42nd St. Ste 201, Tacoma
253-798-2179
www.co.pierce.wa.us

*Check with your local auto parts store to see if they will dispose of your used motor oil too.



City of DuPont

Department of Public Works
1700 Civic Drive
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Unique History ... Vibrant Future

Non-Commercial Automotive & Household Hazardous Waste Products



HOW TO REDUCE, RECYCLE, AND DISPOSE OF WASTES PROPERLY AND AVOID TOXIC CONTAMINATION

What's the Problem with Automotive Chemicals?

- ◇ Dumping used motor oil on the ground, over roads, or into storm drains and other water systems is **illegal**. Heavy metals and other toxins in used oil contaminate soil and pollute water sources posing a health hazard to wildlife and humans. Using motor oil is the single largest source of oil pollution.
- ◇ Vehicle batteries contain corrosive materials and heavy metals that can contaminate soil and ground or surface water if disposed of improperly.
- ◇ Dumping antifreeze will also contaminate soil and water sources. Pets and children are attracted to its sweet taste, which can lead to poisoning.
- ◇ Nearly all of a car's wastes are toxic to varying degrees and may present environmental, human and animal health hazards if disposed of improperly. Toxic materials may cause injury or death if ingested, inhaled, or absorbed through the skin. None of these materials should end up in a sewer, septic system, storm drain, back yard or empty lot.

Helpful Solutions

Buy Re-refined Motor Oil

Re-refined motor oil is the same quality as virgin oil. The re-refining process cleans up the used oil and replaces the additives that were used, generating 8 gallons of new oil for every 100 gallons of used oil. Re-refined motor oil also reduces dependence on imported oil, helps reduce our trade deficit, and provides jobs.

Eco-Friendly Car Washes

Cars that are washed in driveways and parking lots can pollute our local streams, lakes, rivers, and Puget Sound.

Here are some ways you can reduce the impact of washing your car:

- ◇ If you wash your car at home, do it on a flat grass or gravel area that will absorb the wash water. Also, lessen the impact by using a low-or no-phosphate soap.
- ◇ Take your car to a commercial car wash.



General Tips

- Leftover household products that contain toxic ingredients require special disposal to avoid harming people and the environment.
- Household hazardous waste should never be poured down the drain, onto the ground, into storm sewers, or thrown in the trash.



- Keep all hazardous products out of the reach of children.
- Follow safety precautions and other instructions on the labels.
- Buy the least toxic product available.