

Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program Newsletter

Maryland Environmental Service

Did you know?

- Since 1988, more than 8.1 million gallons of used motor oil have been collected in Maryland for proper disposal.
- For the year 2002, the Program collected 838,800 gallons of used motor oil and 37,850 gallons of used antifreeze.
- The used oil that the Program collects is reprocessed and used as a supplemental fuel by industrial users.
- Check out the Annual Report online www.menv.com
- Need a copy of "Guidelines For Program Participants"? Email ptant@menv.com

Important Issues that need your attention—now!!!

- You are responsible for overflow situations—not MES or the Program. Please place a sticker with a local emergency response number on the tank.
- Monitor your tank daily—to prevent overflow conditions. When your tank is 3/4 full call for collection service.
- Remove all empty containers and trash. Cleanup all spills around your collection site.
- Secondary containment is a MUST!
- If your containment area is full of rain water—it needs to be pumped out! MES has a fixed price contract for material removal. But you have to pay for it—not the Program.
- Appoint an individual to be responsible for keeping the site in order.
- Program enrollment does not exempt you from State environmental rules and regulations!

Grant Presented to Walkersville

The Town of Walkersville is the Used Motor Oil Recycling Program's first supplemental environmental project (SEP) grant recipient. The Town received a \$2,500 grant for the construction of a rain shelter over their used motor oil collection site at the Fuel Worx located on Sandstone Drive in Walkersville, Maryland. In 2002, this site collected more than 8,200 gallons of use motor oil.

Gloria Rollins, Town Manager, and Dennis Miller, Public Works Supervisor, and his team of public works employees were instrumental in seeing this project through to completion.

"A lot of people joined forces and worked hard to make this project happen", said Mr.

Miller. He continued, "A special thank you goes to Charlie Adkins of the Town staff, and also to Mr. Richard McFadden, owner of the Fuel Worx property, for supporting the program and cooperating with the Town to provide this essential service".

In presenting Mr. Miller and Town employee Diane Fauble with a ceremonial check, Patricia Tantum, Used Motor Oil Recycling Program Manager said, "I am pleased to present this grant money to the Town. The site looks great. And in a true recycling spirit, they used materials leftover from other projects to construct the new rain shelter".

The rain shelter grant program is a supplemental environmental project between Maryland Department of the Environment, Carroll Independent Fuel Company, Inc. and the Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program. The construction of rain shelters will help minimize storm water accumulation in existing used motor oil recycling drop-off areas and reduce run-off and secondary non-point source pollution.



Rain Shelter Grant Funding Available

Maryland Environmental Service (MES) and the Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program, through the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) have received funding from Carroll Fuel Company for the purpose of implementing a supplemental environmental project (SEP). The funding will

be used to assist in the construction of "rain shelters" to help minimize storm water accumulation in existing used motor oil recycling secondary containment areas.

MES is offering grant funding to



Program participating Counties and municipalities interested in erecting a rain shelter over their existing used oil collection facilities.

Call Pat Tantum at 1-800-473-2925 to get more information and details on the specific requirements for the grants.



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Maryland Environmental Service, created in 1970, is an independent agency of the State of Maryland that provides environmental management services to both public and private entities. MES is committed to protecting and improving the environment for the citizens of Maryland.

MES administers the Maryland Used Oil Recycling Act through an intergovernmental agency (IGA) agreement on behalf of the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE). With the cooperative efforts between MES and local governments and private organizations, the Program supports 162 convenient and reliable used motor oil collection locations throughout the state.

US Filter is the only contracted and authorized used motor oil and used antifreeze collection service for the Program. Report any unauthorized attempts to collect used oil or antifreeze from other vendors to Program Manager, Patricia Tantum.

First Quarter 2003 Results

For the first quarter of 2003 the Program collected 146,491 gallons of used motor oil and 6,549 gallons of antifreeze. During the same time period in 2002, 176,000 gallons of used motor oil were collected. The reduction of used motor oil collected is attributed to the severe weather conditions and large accumulation of snow experienced during the winter months.

These Program accomplishments could not have occurred without **you**. Program participants play an essential part in keeping hundreds of thousands of gallons of used oil and antifreeze from polluting our precious natural resources.

