

Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program Newsletter

Maryland Environmental Service

Did you know?

- Since 1988, more than 9 million gallons of used motor oil have been collected in Maryland for proper disposal.
- For the first quarter of 2004, the Program collected 159,700 gallons of used motor oil and 8,000 gallons of used antifreeze.
- The used oil that the Program collects through US Filter is reprocessed and used as a supplemental fuel by industrial users.
- Check out the Annual Report online www.menv.com

Important Issues that need your attention.

- 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.
- Please 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!

Manage Your Used Oil Collection Site Responsibly

Having a used oil collection site established in your town or at the solid waste facility you operate is a real benefit to the population you serve. County and municipal governments provide important services to their citizens. Whether it is water purification and distribution, wastewater treatment, trash and recycling collection, or public safety, these important services enhance the quality of life in our communities. Used motor oil and antifreeze collection is an important program which is helping communities and improving the environment all over the state. Since 1988, the Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program has collected more than 9 million gallons for proper disposal. Just think what would have happened to all that oil if your drop-off location or your neighboring town's collection site was not available to the public. Millions of gallons of used motor oil would have probably ended up in buried in the landfill or dumped on the ground, increasing the possibility of ground water pollution.

Managing a used oil collection drop-off site is a huge responsibility. However, the public (and the regulatory oversight inspectors) will appreciate the effort you put into keeping your site up to the highest environmental standard.

Here are a few things you should do to responsibly manage your used oil collection site:

- Check to see if your above ground tanks are in good condition. Make sure they are not leaking. Collection boxes should close tightly to prevent rain water accumulation and contamination of the oil.
- Label your tanks. Program decals are available free of charge.
- Inspect your secondary containment system to insure structural integrity.

These procedures will help insure a safe and environmentally friendly area—an asset to your community and a convenient, reliable service to everyone.



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The 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. The Service is committed to protecting and improving the environment for the citizens of Maryland.

The Service administers the Maryland Used Oil Recycling Act through an intergovernmental agency agreement on behalf of the Maryland Department of the Environment.. With the cooperative efforts between the Service 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.

Rain Shelter Update

The grant program to construct rain shelters has been a great success. Congratulations to the Town of Sykesville and the City of Cambridge. They are our newest grant recipients.

Two grants—Town of Boonsboro and Washington County Landfill—are currently under construction and nearing completion.



Sykesville



Cambridge

Maryland Department of the Environment has tentatively budgeted for additional rain shelter funding. All coordinators will be notified if and when the funding is approved and sent to MES.

The additional funding will be distributed as grants and will be used to assist in the construction of rain shelters to help minimize storm water accumulation in existing used motor oil recycling drop-off areas.