

# Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program Newsletter

*Maryland Environmental Service*

## Did you know?

- Since 1988, more than 9.6 million gallons of used motor oil have been collected in Maryland for proper disposal.
- For the third quarter of 2004, the Program collected 242,700 gallons of used motor oil and 11,900 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](http://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!

## Rain Shelter Grant Funding Available

Your attention, please. Free money! Well, almost. There is one small catch. You must use the money for the construction of a rain shelter at your used motor oil collection site.

The rain shelter grant program began in 2002 as an alternative approach to traditional enforcement penalty action by substituting funding for supplemental environmental projects. Grant funding has provided 5 municipalities—Mt. Airy, Sykesville, Walkersville, Boonsboro, and Cambridge and 4 counties—Frederick, Washington, Calvert, and Cecil with rain shelters at used oil collection sites.

This year funding for the rain shelter grant program comes from the Maryland Department of the Environment. The program will offer ten (10) \$2,500.00 grants for reimbursement of materials only for the construction of rain shelters. Five grants will be awarded to municipal government sites and five grants to County government sites.

MDE has been concerned about storm water accumulation, run-off and potential non-point source pollution releases from used oil collection site. Each location will be responsible for obtaining all necessary and pertinent State and local building permits and meet required building codes.

Rain shelter grant funding for 2004 has been awarded to the Town of Aberdeen and Baltimore, Charles, and St. Mary's Counties

If you are interested in applying for a grant, send a letter to Pat Tantum at MES, 259 Najoles Road, Millersville, MD 21108.

Please indicate the used oil collection site you are proposing to upgrade and include a construction material cost estimate.

Hurry. This offer won't last. Funding will be distributed on a "first come—first served" basis.

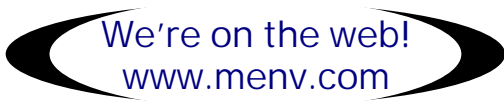
This grant funding offer is a wonderful opportunity to improve your existing used oil collection site.



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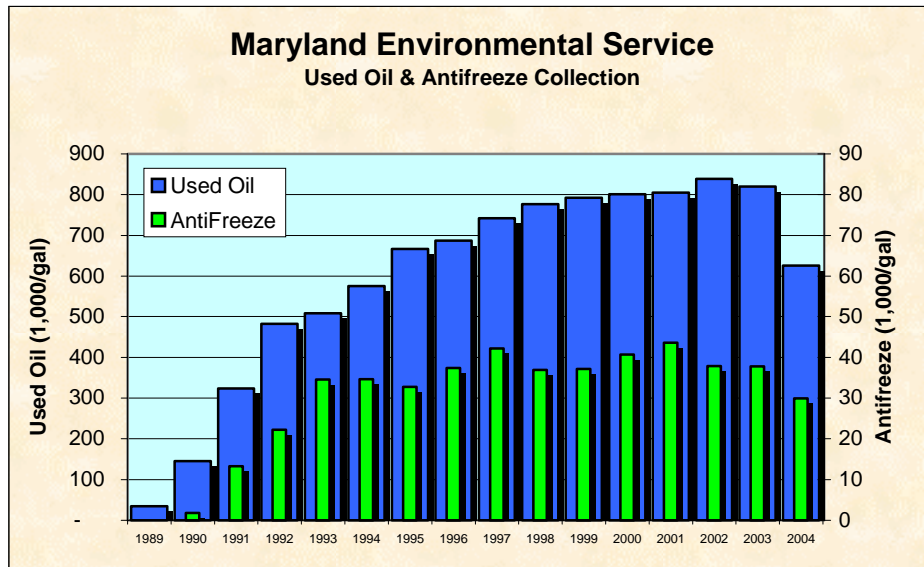


*The Maryland Environmental Service, created in 1970, is an independent agency of the State of Maryland that provides environmental management services to both public and private entities. The Service is committed to protecting and improving the environment for the citizens of Maryland.*

*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.*

**Third Quarter Collection Results**



The Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program had a successful third quarter collection period. During the reporting period July 1 through September 30 2004, the Program collected 224,700 gallons of used motor oil and 11,900 gallons of used antifreeze. These program accomplishments could not have occurred without your help. Keep up the great work!