

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 calendar year 2003, the Program collected 820,000 gallons of used motor oil and 37,800 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
- Need a copy of "Guidelines For Program Participants"? Email plant@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!

Program Completes a Successful Year

This was a very successful year for the program. 2003 program accomplishments include:

- Collected 820,000 gallons of used motor oil from program sponsored locations;
- Retained 162 collection locations;
- Collected 37,800 gallons of used antifreeze;
- 9 million gallons of used motor oil has been collected for proper disposal since 1988
- Managed grant funding for a supplemental environmental project to construct rain shelters to cover collection tanks;
- Published a quarterly newsletter, collection reports, and updates to all coordinators;
- Promoted the program at the Maryland Municipal League Conference and the Maryland Association of Counties Conference.

The program was a recipient of a one-time supplemental environmental project funding. The grant funding was used to assist in the

construction of 10 rain shelters. Locations receiving the grant are: Calvert, Cecil, Frederick, Prince George's and Washington counties and the municipalities of Boonsboro, Cambridge, Mount Airy, Sykesville, and Walkersville.

Over the past year the program has received kudos from our clients. Town of Mount Airy Councilman, Christopher DeColli said, "Working together, we were able to establish our collection site and erect a rain shelter to prevent and minimize contaminated run off. It's been a pleasure working with the Service."

For 2004, the program will submit a paper to NORA, an association of responsible recyclers specializing in waste fluids. This conference would provide an opportunity to feature the program and highlight the rain shelter grant funding.

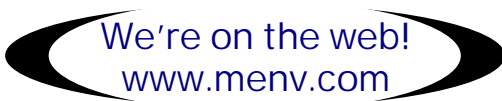
Thanks for your support and for making 2003 a very successful year.



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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.

Successful Fourth Quarter

The Maryland Used Motor Oil Recycling Program had a very successful fourth quarter. During the reporting period October 1 through December 31, 2003, the Program collected 190,600 gallons of used motor oil and 9,900 gallons of used antifreeze.

Montgomery, Baltimore, Harford, Frederick, Prince George's and Calvert counties continue to collect large quantities of used motor oil. Keep up the good work.

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.

