

Disposal – Waste Oil and Oil Filters

Disposing of used oil the wrong way has the potential to pollute land, water and wildlife.

All used oils including engine oil, machine oil, hydraulic oil, coolant oils and quenching oils, are classified as Prescribed Industrial Wastes. As a result, it is illegal to dump waste oil into landfill or waterways. It is also illegal to send used oil filters to landfill in Victoria.

All containers must be drained of all residue oil before they can be recycled. Wherever possible you should endeavour to recycle waste oil.

How do I dispose of waste oil?

- Collect all waste oils in secure, clearly labelled drums or tanks that are stored in a bunded and undercover area.
- If stored in a double skinned tank there is no need for bunding, however if stored in a single skinned tank then the tank must be bunded.
- For oil filters, drain the oil and place the drained oil filters into a drum for collection by an EPA approved transporter.
- Appoint an EPA approved contractor to remove and dispose of your waste oils.
- Retain the Waste Transport Certificate from the contractor for at least 24 months.

Things to note

If you only collect a small amount of used oil from vehicles or farm machinery, you can take it to your local council or shire's waste transfer station.

Some used oil facilities will also take oil filters, oily rags, and plastic oil containers.

Oil filters can be recycled with scrap metal by cleaning the filter to remove all free oil. This can be achieved through processes such as puncturing, draining, high pressure crushing, dismantling, shredding and washing, to remove oil from the metal casing. This requires the appropriate technology, and can only be added to scrap metal if all the oil is drained from the filter.



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