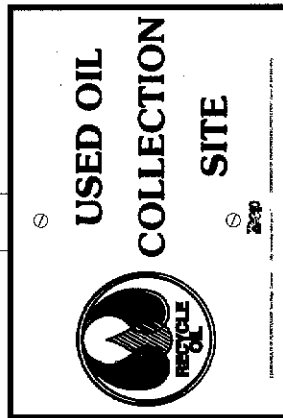


## HOW TO RECYCLE YOUR USED MOTOR OIL

- Pour all collected used oil into a clean, empty, sealable container such as a plastic milk jug. Specialized used oil containers can be purchased at local auto parts stores.
- Do not mix used motor oil with any other substances, such as antifreeze, paint or other chemicals.
- Locate the nearest used oil collection site. Look for the recycle oil symbol at local service stations or call the Pennsylvania Recycling Hotline at 1-800-346-4242 and ask where the participating collection sites are in your area.
- At the collection site, ask an attendant where to deposit used oil. Don't leave your container of used oil at the site unattended. Take your empty container home with you to use again.



For more information call the Pennsylvania Recycling Hotline or contact your County Recycling Coordinator.



## PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT

### Help Us Update Our List:

The list of sites which will accept used motor oil from do-it-yourselfers requires constant revisions. You can help!

- 1) Tell us if you locate a place that can be added to the statewide list.
- 2) Tell us if you find a site which we have listed that will no longer accept used oil.

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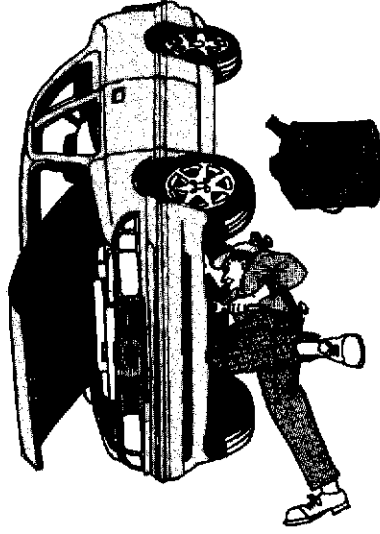


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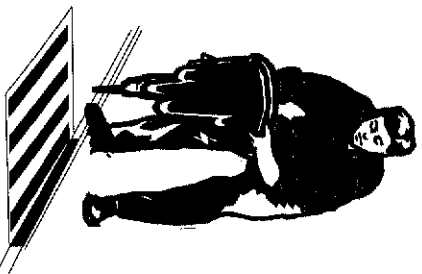
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## DO YOU CHANGE YOUR OWN MOTOR OIL?

If you are one of millions of Do-It-Yourself (DIY) oil changers in Pennsylvania, you should know about the dangers of improper oil disposal and how you can participate in Pennsylvania's Used Oil Recycling Program.

### Some Used Oil Facts

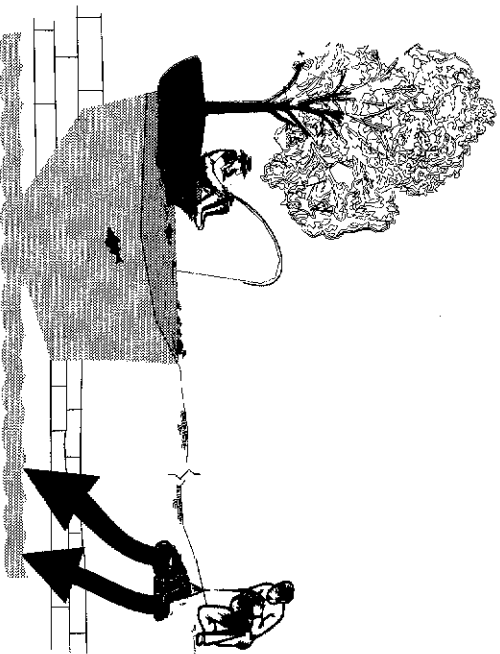
- Do-it-yourself oil changers in Pennsylvania dispose of 11 million gallons of used oil each year.
- It is estimated that at most 14 percent (1.5 million gallons) of this oil is recycled.
- The other 9.5 million gallons of used oil is dumped -- into sewers, on the ground, and into the trash.



Dumping used oil sends the oil and its contaminants into the ground and surface water. Used oil is the largest single source of oil pollution (more than 40 percent) in our nation's waterways.

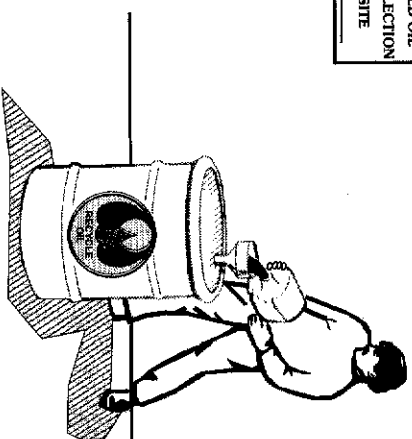
## USED OIL CAN POLLUTE OUR ENVIRONMENT

- Used motor oil may contain toxic substances such as lead, benzene, zinc, cadmium, and arsenic.
- Used oil is not removed from the sewage treated at wastewater treatment plants. In fact, some plants use processes that can create additional pollutants from the chemicals present in used oil.
- Just one quart of oil is enough to create a two-acre-sized oil slick on surface water.
- Oil is harmful to aquatic life. For example, oil kills organisms in the water that fish rely on as a food source.
- A gallon of used oil can ruin a million gallons of freshwater -- a year's supply for 50 people.



## RECYCLING OIL PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT AND SAVES RESOURCES

- Oil doesn't wear out; it just gets dirty. Used oil can be re-fined into lubricating oil that is equal in quality to lubricating oil made from crude oil.
- If all the DIY oil generated were recycled, it would save Pennsylvania 103,000 barrels of oil per day.
- If all the used oil disposed by do-it-yourselfers in Pennsylvania were recycled, it could produce enough energy to power 17,000 homes annually.



You can help protect the environment and save resources by taking your used oil to one of the many collection sites that have volunteered to accept used oil from the public.