

# Used Oil Recycling



## The solution...

Protect the environment, conserve a valuable resource and get paid for it!

If you change your own oil, you can help reduce pollution by draining it into a clean spill-proof container and take it and oil filters to a California State Certified Collection Center for recycling.

*Do not mix motor oil with other fluids such as antifreeze, solvents, gasoline or water.*

## Certified collection centers:

Get paid .40 cents per gallon, up to 5 gallons per visit, for recycling used oil at the following certified centers in Commerce:

*Call for hours of operation*

- **Commerce Lube Center**  
2432 S. Indiana St.  
(323) 261-5100
- **Zippy Lube-A-Truck #1**  
4164 E. Washington Blvd.  
(323) 265-2703

Collection Centers will not accept used oil that has been contaminated with other fluids. Contaminated oil can be taken to a Los Angeles County roundup on Saturdays for FREE.

Call **1-888-CLEANLA** or visit [www.CleanLA.com](http://www.CleanLA.com) or take it to the following permanent site:

**S.A.F.E. Center**  
2649 E. Washington Blvd.  
Los Angeles  
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday  
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

## Transporting...

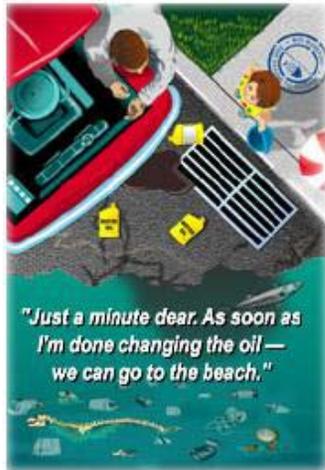
Safely transport your used oil in a leak proof container like the one pictured. One is available for each household in Commerce while supplies last. Please call (323) 722-4805 or visit the Community Development Department to inquire about the used oil drainer containers.



## The problem...

Motor oil poured onto the ground, into storm drains or in the trash (even in a sealed container) can contaminate and pollute soil, groundwater, streams, and rivers and it's illegal!

Storm drains lead straight to the ocean.



One gallon of used oil can contaminate a million gallons of drinking water with metals like lead, magnesium, copper, zinc, chromium, cadmium, and arsenic. Used motor oil accounts for more than 40% of the total pollution of our nation's harbors and waterways.

## The future...

Used oil is recyclable and can be re-refined or processed into fuel oil. The refining process



removes contaminants to produce a good-as-new base oil. Additives are blended into the base oil to produce lubricants such as motor oil, transmission fluid, and grease.

One gallon of used oil can produce 2.5 quarts of re-refined oil. If all used motor oil generated by the public was collected and re-refined, it would produce enough oil for more than 8 million cars each year.

Join the wave of the future and recycle!



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