# Why Recycle Used Motor Oil?

Because every year privately owned automobiles and light trucks generate over 300 million gallons of used crankcase oils. The majority of this oil, about 200 million gallons per year, is generated by individual consumers ("do-it-yourselfers," or DIY'ers) who change their own oil.

Because used motor oil is valuable.
Although used oil gets dirty, it never
wears out, and can be re-refined back
into new lubricating oil, and used as
an ingredient in asphalt to make
roads.

Because one gallon of improperly disposed motor oil can contaminate one million gallons of drinking water, harming human health and the environment.

## Certified Collection Centers

AutoZone#5450 2301 W Whittier Blvd. (323) 887-0294

O'Reilly Auto Parts #3615 1210 West Beverly Blvd. (323)838-8522

V & V Truck Lube 7799 Telegraph Road (323)707-5260

Westrux International 812 W Washington Blvd. (323)728-0111



Used Oil Recycling Facts & Information





### **Used Motor Oil Facts**

One gallon of used motor oil will yield about 2 ½ quarts of re-refined oil. Lube oils can be used indefinitely in an endless cycle from refinery to engine and back to refinery again.

To be labeled as a re-refined product, federal standards require oil blends to be at least 25% re-refined oil. California standards require that the blend contain 75% re-refined oil.

In the United States each year, used motor oil pollutes up to 30 times the amount of oil spilled during the Exxon Valdez disaster. That is why proper recycling of your used oil is important and vital to the environment.

Used oil filters can contain more than 45% used motor oil in weight when removed from the vehicle.

Re-refining is energy efficient--less energy is required to produce a gallon of re-refined base stock than to produce a base stock from crude oil



### How to Recycle Used Motor Oil & Filters

Make certain that you drain your oil into a clean leak-proof container. DO NOT mix your oil with other liquids or use detergent bottles, bleach bottles, or other containers that have contained a chemical substance as this will contaminate the oil.

Make sure the container is well sealed prior to transportation. In Montebello, most Certified Centers will accept up to 20 Gallons at a time but call ahead for specific quantity limits of each center.

If possible, drain your oil filters and bring them with you in a separate leak-proof container or bag.

Look for this sign at your local Certified Collection Center. Bringing your oil to a State Certified Collection Center that has one of these signs entitles you to receive recycling incentive for your used motor oil.



Bring your used Motor Oil and filters to one of the State Certified Locations on this brochure or contact the City for additional locations and recycling hours. You may also find other used oil locations by visiting the CalRecycle Used Oil Website located at:

https://www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/ CertifiedCenters/

#### **Used Oil Statistics**

Californians recycle more than 100 million gallons of motor oil every year.

Some vehicle manufacturers recommend you change your oil at the proper interval, about once every 7,500 miles for most newer vehicles.

Americans properly recycle more than 87% of their used oil – fortunately, recycling your motor oil in Montebello is easy – take it to your nearest certified collection center.

Fines run between \$500-\$250,000 for illegally dumping used motor oil and filters.

More than 20 million oil filters are recycled in California annually.

Recycling used oil saves the U.S. 1.3 million barrels of oil per day – reducing our dependence on foreign oil.

In California, 1 in 5 households have a do-it-yourself (DIY) oil changer.

Used oil from a single oil change (approx. one gallon) can contaminate a million gallons of fresh drinking water, harming human health and the environment.

Recycling all the filters sold annually in the United States would result in the recovery of about 160,000 tons of steel, or enough steel to make 16 new stadiums the size of Atlanta's Turner Stadium.