

Storm Water Pollution Prevention:

Motor oil and antifreeze

Taking care of our cars takes a toll on our environment. Motor oil, filters, anti-freeze, and other toxic fluids from our cars leak, spill, or are dumped into the street, flowing untreated through the storm drain system to our streams, creeks, and lakes. Following a few environmentally-friendly tips is all it takes to prevent pollution.



Work area

Never work on a vehicle in the street or near a storm drain.

Work on a flat concrete surface where you can easily clean up accidental spills.

Never hose down your work area unless the resulting wash water is contained and disposed of properly.

Keep storage and work areas clean and dry.



Changing your oil and oil filter

Recycle used motor oil (for free) by taking it to an auto parts store, hazardous waste collection site, or by using curbside recycling pickup. When changing your car's oil, prevent spills by placing cardboard under the oil pan. Use absorbent material such as kitty litter to clean up spills. **Never** pour used motor oil down storm drains, on the ground, or driveways.

Draining your radiator:

Antifreeze, made from the chemical ethylene glycol, is extremely toxic. Drain your radiator into a drip pan to avoid spills, and **never** drain antifreeze directly onto the ground or street.

Recycle your car's antifreeze, or take the old antifreeze in a sealed container to a household hazardous waste collection site.

Try a less toxic alternative. Antifreeze made from propylene glycol, manufacturers claim, has a lower freezing point, a higher boiling point and lasts longer.

Replacing brakes and brake parts.

Don't hose down brake pads, rotors or drums. Remember, brake pads contain copper, which can erode as the pads wear, and contribute to storm water pollution.

Use shop cloths to wipe as much brake dust as possible from rotors and drums before using brake cleaner fluid.

Never discharge cleaning solutions from cleaning into the storm water system. You can recycle cleaner fluid collected in a drip pan.



**Report Illegal Discharges to the
Storm Drain System Supervisor**

801-785-2941

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