

RECYCLE USED MOTOR OIL

Nearly a billion gallons of motor oil are used by Americans every year – and 350 million gallons of oil end up polluting the environment because of improper disposal methods. Used motor oil is often contaminated with lead (from gasoline), magnesium, copper, zinc, PCB's and other heavy metals which are picked up from engines. These heavy metals can contaminate our drinking water and cause health problems. The Coachella Valley Association of Governments will be hosting a series of used oil filter exchange events to encourage residents to recycle. These events are open to all Coachella Valley residents.

FEBRUARY	APRIL	INFORMATION
<p>February 27, 2010 AutoZone 82220 Highway 111 Indio, CA 92201 9am to 12pm (760) 342-8742</p> <p>February 28, 2010 AutoZone 50-700 Harrison Street Coachella, CA 92236 9am to 12pm (760) 398-8902</p>	<p>April 10, 2010 AutoZone 78792 Highway 111 La Quinta, CA 92253 9am to 12pm (760) 771-1858</p> <p>April 11, 2010 AutoZone 812 East Hobson Way Blythe, CA 92225 11am to 2pm (760) 922-0544</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bring your used oil filters and receive a \$5 voucher toward the purchase of a new filter. • You may also bring your used oil for recycling. • Participants will also receive a shop rag, funnel, drainer container, and tire gauge for free. • KIDS! Come with your parents and get some COOL stuff!
MARCH	<p>April 17, 2010 AutoZone 50-700 Harrison Street Coachella, CA 92236 9am to 12pm (760) 398-8902</p> <p>April 18, 2010 AutoZone 12660 Palm Drive Desert Hot Springs, CA 92240 9am to 12pm (760) 329-1072</p>	<p>SIMPLE THINGS TO DO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you get your oil changed at a gas station, check first to make sure they recycle the used oil. • If you change your own oil (and about 50% of Americans do), recycle it at a certified collection center. Go to www.ciwmb.ca.gov/UsedOil/Center to locate a collection center near you!



These events are sponsored by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments and funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.

RECYCLE CLEAN!

Use a clean, dirt-free drain pan that can hold as many quarts as your car's crank case.

Don't mix solvents, water, or any other liquid in with motor oil.

Store used motor oil in a container that won't leak and has a screw-on cap – a plastic gallon milk container, for example.

Bring your container to one of the certified used oil recycling centers listed above or visit www.ciwmb.ca.gov/UsedOil/Center for a list of additional centers.

WHY RECYCLE?

Throwing oil in the trash – even in an airtight container – is just like pouring it on the ground. The oil will seep out and leach into ground water when containers are crushed.

A quart of motor oil can pollute 250,000 gallons of water.

Just one part oil per million parts water will make drinking water smell and taste funny.

We make our own oil spills: Over half of all oil-related pollution in the U.S. is caused by improper disposal of used motor oil.