

# Used Oil Recycling Program



Saskatchewan Association for  
Resource Recovery Corp.

Used oil is the largest source of waste dangerous goods in Saskatchewan. Over 20 million litres are generated every year. If used oil is not disposed of properly, it can have a profound impact on the environment. As little as one litre of used oil can make one million litres of water unfit to drink. Since used oil can be re-refined into products with the same quality as the original, and since oil is a non-renewable resource, it makes sense to reclaim it.

## History

Saskatchewan's Used Oil Material Recycling Program was established in 1996. It is operated by major oil companies to meet their obligations under The Used Oil Collection Regulations. This regulated environmental stewardship program is led by the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corporation, an industry sponsored, not-for-profit organization.

The mandate of the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corporation is to provide and operate a cost-effective, province-wide recovery and recycling program for used oil, used oil filters and oil containers.

The Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corporation is part of the regional and national groups of used oil management associations. It is the only product management program for used oil and related products that has been approved by the Saskatchewan government.

## How to Recycle

The used oil recycling program provides consumers with an environmentally-safe and convenient method to manage and dispose of used oil, oil filters and oil containers. When you have your oil changed at your local shop or dealership, the waste material is collected and removed from the shop by the program.

Saskatchewan has a network of over 300 collection facilities and EcoCentres where you can take your used oil, oil filters and oil containers.

Please visit the Corporation's website at [www.usedoilrecycling.com/sk](http://www.usedoilrecycling.com/sk) for a listing of collection facilities and EcoCentres in Saskatchewan.

## How the Program Works

The program is a user-pay system. All oil and oil filter manufacturers and first sellers must take part in the program and collect an Environmental Handling Charge on the sale of oil and oil filters in Saskatchewan. The Environmental Handling Charge goes directly to the Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corporation. The funds are used to pay for collecting, transporting and recycling the used oil and related materials.

Materials recycled include any petroleum or synthetic crankcase oil, engine oil, hydraulic fluid, transmission fluid, gear oil, heat transfer fluid or other fluid used for lubricating purposes in machinery or equipment. Used oil filters and empty oil and fluid containers are also collected.



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The Environmental Handling Charges for oil, filters and containers are:

Oil, Filter and Container Types	Environmental Handling Charge (EHC)
Collectible Oils	\$0.05 per litre
Consumable Oils (e.g. two-cycle oil, chain oil)	Exempt
Oil Containers Under 30 Litres	\$0.05 per litre
Oil Containers Over 30 Litres	Exempt
Oil and Diesel Fuel Filters Under 8" in Length	\$0.50 per filter
Oil and Diesel Fuel Filters 8" in Length or Longer	\$1.00 per filter

There is a strong market for used oil. It can be re-refined into new lubricating oil with the same properties as the original. Used oil is also re-refined into fuel. Oil filters are shredded and re-manufactured into metal products such as rebar, nails and wire. Empty plastic oil bottles can be recycled into new plastic products.

### ***Accomplishments***

Since the Used Oil Recycling Program began in 1996, 2 million kilograms of oil containers, 17.7 million oil filters and 160 million litres of used oil have been recycled, far exceeding initial expectations. The program continues to protect the environment and promote and facilitate the recovery of a valuable, non-renewable resource.

In 2007, 16.6 million litres of used oil were recycled, which is a capture rate of 83%.

### ***Interesting Facts***

Re-refining used oil into new lubricant completely restores the original lubricating properties of the oil, meeting all new car lubricating specifications. And it only takes about one-third of the energy used to refine crude oil into the same product.

The program has resulted in the development of a private sector recycling industry. There are now nearly 50 registered collectors delivering used oil materials to over 40 registered processors.



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