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A Cleaner Anacostia River: Make It Happen by Recycling Used Motor Oil

Did you know?

- One gallon of oil can contaminate one million gallons of water.
- One quart of used oil can create a slick larger than a football field.
- The four quarts of oil it takes to fill your car's engine can form a slick nearly eight acres in size

Oil and grease are considered to be a problem in the mainstem Anacostia River as well as in Hickey Run and Kingman Lake. In waterways, they are detrimental to water quality and dangerous to aquatic plants and wildlife. Fish, oysters, clams, and other wildlife can be smothered by the slick and settling particles of oil and grease. Or they can be killed indirectly by reduced resistance to infection. Bottom-dwelling organisms and submerged grasses are affected by the reduced oxygen and light levels caused by coating of the water surface. In addition to the initial effects, once the oil begins to dissolve, toxics can be released, which further deteriorate water quality and damage aquatic life

Oil enters waterways when it is dumped in storm drains, is dumped on the ground and seeps into ground water, and is spilled on impervious surfaces and becomes a part of storm water run-off. **The only safe and correct way to dispose of used motor oil is to recycle it.**

Where can you recycle used motor oil? Please call before going to a facility to find out specific instructions, regulations, and hours of operation. Do not mix oil with other liquids.

Fort Totten Transfer Station

4900 Bates Rd, NE
Washington, DC 20010
202-576-6803

Embassy Mobil Service Station

2200 P Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037
202-659-8560

Kim's Texaco

1022 Pennsylvania, Ave SE
Washington, DC
202-543-6725

AutoZone

519 Rhode Island Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
202-832-4001

AutoZone

955 Longfellow Street, NW
Washington, DC 20011
202-722-7830

AutoZone

2626 Naylor Road, SE
Washington, DC 20020
202-575-2930

AutoZone

4045 Minnesota Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20019
202-396-0294

Parker's Exxon

4812 MacArthur Blvd., NW
Washington, DC
202-337-3144

AutoZone

3920 South Capitol Street, SE
Washington, DC 20032
202-563-2630

AutoZone

1207 H Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
202-388-1203

City of Hyattsville Department of Public Works

433 Baltimore Avenue
Hyattsville, MD 20781
301-985-5030

Prince George's Co. Household Hazardous Waste Drop-off Site

11611 Whitehouse Road
Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
301-952-7625

Prince George's County Highway Maintenance Center
8400 D'Arcy Road
District Heights, MD
301-883-5045

AutoZone
6001 Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway
Capitol Heights, MD 20743
301-883-0186

AutoZone
4920 Annapolis Road
Bladensburg, MD 20710
301-699-5683

Montgomery County Solid Waste Transfer Station
Route 355 and Shady Grove Road
Derwood, MD 20855
301-840-2370

New Carrollton Public Works Drop-off Site
6318 Westbrook Drive
Hyattsville, MD 20784
301-557-1008

AutoZone
6601 Marlboro Pike
District Heights, MD 20747
301-420-8800

City of College Park Drop-off Site
9219 51st Avenue
College Park, MD 20740
301-474-4194

Takoma Park Department of Public Works Drop-off Site
31 Oswego Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-585-8333

AutoZone
7755 Landover Road
Hyattsville, MD 20785
301-322-8133

AutoZone
9412 Lanham Severn Road
Lanham, MD 20706
301-731-5188

Jiffy Lube
10537 Baltimore Avenue
Beltsville, MD 20705
301-595-582

Jiffy Lube
6510 New Hampshire Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-270-4900

Join ARBC

The **Anacostia River Business Coalition (ARBC)** encourages fellow businesses to get involved in the Anacostia River Watershed Clean-up.

Currently the ARBC is working on Rain Garden demonstration projects at two area businesses and developing educational materials to educate businesses and teachers on ways to reduce non-point source pollution.

For more information or to join ARBC, contact ARBC President **Joan LeLacheur at Washington Metro at 202-962-5113 or jlacheur@wmata.com**

ARBC also welcomes you to attend its next meeting. It will be held on **January 9, 2001 at 9:30am at Earth Conservation Corps' Old Capitol Pump House** (1st and Potomac Avenues, SE). For more information, contact **Karen Fligger at 301-984-1908 x103 or kfligger@potomac-commission.org**

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