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Waste oil:

Is the old and dirty lubricating oil drained from the sumps of cars, trucks and other engines.

It is illegal to dump engine oil or pour it down the drain, but an estimated 100,000 tonnes of waste oil a year is unaccounted for in the UK alone.

Oil can pollute waterways, contaminate drinking water and damage the bacteria which decompose sewage.

Recycling of oil helps to conserve depleting world oil resources.

Engine oil can be cleaned and reused as lubricating and heating oil.

Disposal Sites

To find out where your nearest oil recycling point is you can visit www.oilbankline.org.uk or you can call 08708 506 506.



Fascinating Facts

- There is a network of over 1000 Oil Recycling Banks in the UK able to receive waste engine oil.
- **What a waste!**
Currently less than a third of all waste oil produced by motorists is recycled. That means that around 13 million litres of waste oil are annually lost into the environment.
- Only 4% of world's oil pollution is caused through spills at sea.
- If the energy in that oil were to be recovered, it could provide enough energy for the annual needs of 1.5 million people, approximately the population of Kent!
- If a volume of drinking water equivalent to that contained in an Olympic sized swimming pool were to become contaminated with just **one pint** of oil it would be undrinkable.
- The volume of waste oil from one oil change is enough to form a film over a 4 acre lake.

Links

www.oilbankline.org.uk

Contains the location of oil recycling banks.

What to do with waste oil

www.environment-agency.gov.uk

Rules and regulations on oil storage, waste oil and oil recycling.

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