

## Local Collection Centers

City of Monroe Operations Center,  
located at 2401 Walkup Ave,  
will accept up to 5 gallons  
of used motor oil or antifreeze.

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Union County accepts used oil as well as oil filters, antifreeze, car batteries and tires from residents.

For more information including hours, locations and details for proper disposal please visit the Union County Solid Waste and Recycling website at

[www.unioncountync.gov](http://www.unioncountync.gov)

or call 704-296-4213

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Visit [www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com) to use their recycling search. Simply enter what you are trying to recycle (motor oil, car batteries, tires, etc.) and your zip code to search their database for locations near you.



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Look for this symbol at your local auto parts or maintenance stores. This symbol indicates that used oil is collected at that location.

To report pollution or illegal dumping, please call our Stormwater Hotline at

**704-282-4515**



For more information on stormwater runoff and pollution prevention visit our website at  
[www.monroenc.org](http://www.monroenc.org)

## Helpful Links

[www.unioncountync.gov](http://www.unioncountync.gov)  
[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)  
[www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)



# Used Oil Guide

**Did you know that  
just one quart of oil  
can pollute 250,000  
gallons of  
water?**



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## Stormwater Pollution

Clean and healthy creeks, rivers, and streams are important to the City of Monroe. However, **not properly disposing of used oil can lead to stormwater pollution**. If you pour or drain oil onto driveways, parking lots or streets, it can be washed into our storm drains. This is considered an illicit discharge and in violation of Monroe's Stormwater Ordinance because unlike water in sanitary sewers (for example water from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is not treated before entering our streams.

Keeping your car tuned-up is important! If you notice spots or stains where you park your car, schedule a repair, or follow our DIY recommendations to prevent water pollution. These tips can also apply when maintaining equipment such as lawnmowers and chainsaws.

**Please note** that auto fluids and used oil filters must not be disposed of with regular curbside trash or recycling. They must be taken to the proper collection center, see details on reverse.



## A Friendly Reminder For “Do It Yourselves” Regarding Auto Maintenance & Oil Recycling

Oil, grease, anti-freeze, and other toxic auto fluids often make their way into the City of Monroe storm drain system. These pollutants do not get treated before reaching our local creeks and streams. The following tips will help prevent this type of pollution and protect our drinking water.

- Cleaning Auto Parts: Scrape parts with a wire brush rather than liquid cleaners. Use non-toxic solvents when needed. Do not wash parts outdoors or in a shop sink that is not plumbed to the sanitary sewer.
- Preventing Spills and Leaks: Place a drip pan and drip cloth underneath to catch fluid. Use absorbent cleaning agents in place of water to clean work areas.
- Cleaning Spills: Use dry methods for spill cleanup. Absorbent materials are available at auto parts stores.
- Storing Hazardous Waste: Keep different auto fluid waste separate, in leak-proof containers, and clearly marked. Store containers indoors or covered so they are not exposed to rain.
- Proper Disposal of Hazardous Waste: Recycle used motor oil and oil filters, antifreeze, and other automotive fluids, batteries, tires, and metal filings.

## Benefits of Recycling

- Recycling used oil keeps it from polluting local waterways. Used oil contains organic chemicals and metals that are toxic to people, plants, and animals and can contaminate our drinking water sources.
- If oil produces a sheen on the water's surface, it can block sunlight needed by organisms living in the water and coat the fur and feathers of aquatic animals.
- Motor oil does not wear out, it just gets dirty, so recycling it extends the life of the oil, a nonrenewable resource.
- Recycling oil saves energy from the extraction, transport and refinery of new crude oil.
- Used oil filters should be brought to a collection center or household hazardous waste site so the oil can be properly extracted and then the scrap metal can be recycled as well.



**Please keep oil out of the environment and keep local streams clean!**