



**REMEMBER....** anything that enters a storm drain is not treated before it flows into the nearest creek, lake, or the river.

- Dispose of motor oil, antifreeze, and other chemicals properly.
- Keep your cars maintained so they don't leak fluids.
- Don't use motor oil, gasoline, diesel fuel, or kerosene to kill weeds and insects.
- Keep soaps and detergents out of storm drains.
- Don't throw anything into storm drains or your neighborhood creek. This includes yard waste and trash.
- Dispose of paints and other chemicals properly.
- Avoid overuse of fertilizers and insecticides.
- To report an illegal discharge call 406-758-7852.

### POLLUTION PREVENTION

The pollution in our stormwater is a result of all our individual actions added together. Take it personally when you see your neighbor polluting our stormwater and practice stormwater friendly actions yourself. Together we can keep our rivers, lakes, and streams clean!

**Oil and Water Don't Mix**

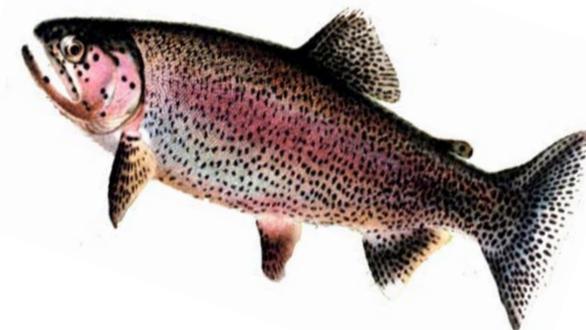
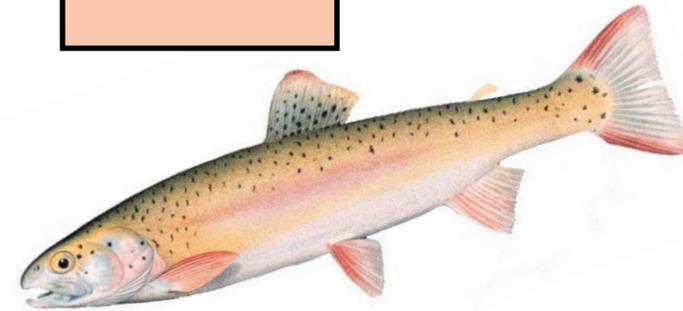
**Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in our lakes, rivers, and streams.**



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# Clean Water - Healthy Life

Used motor oil is one of the most prevalent pollutants found in creeks, lakes, and rivers.

But how does it get there?

Used motor oil and other automotive chemicals get into our surface waters through careless and improper disposal or by simply dumping it on the ground.

Anything dumped into a storm drain, including used motor oil, drains directly to the nearest waterbody—it does not get treated and cleaned.

Poorly maintained motor vehicles leak fluids onto roadways. Fluids then wash into storm drains and into waterbodies every time it rains.

Used motor oil dumped on the ground eventually seeps into the ground water .

Do your part and dispose of your used motor oil properly—  
**RECYCLE IT!**

**Improper disposal of automotive fluids, especially dumping it into a storm drain— is ILLEGAL and punishable by fine.**



Recycling used motor oil is easy.

## Just follow these three simple steps:

1. Drain your used motor oil into a clean, sealed container. An old milk jug will do fine. Many retailers sell low-profile, reusable drain buckets with a sealable top.
2. Never mix used motor oil with trash, antifreeze, degreasers, brake fluids or other automotive chemicals. Also don't mix used motor oil with cooking oils, paint thinners, gasoline or other fluids or solvents.
3. Recycle your used motor oil and filters by taking them to an approved collection site for used motor oil. Many full-service gas stations and retailers that sell auto parts will accept your used motor oil. Some many charge a small fee to take your oil filter. Make sure you call the location of the retailer before you go!

**RECYCLE AUTO FLUIDS HERE!**

### **AUTOMOTIVE OIL:**

Flathead County Landfill, 758-5910  
Checker Auto, Kalispell, 752-6123  
Cenex Supply, Kalispell, 755-9425

### **ANTIFREEZE:**

Flathead County Landfill, 758-5910  
Scarff Buick, Kalispell, 755-7777  
Cenex Supply, Kalispell, 755-9425

### **TRANSMISSION FLUID:**

Scarff Buick, Kalispell, 755-7777



Why recycle used motor oil?

- Used motor oil causes water pollution. Water pollution is ugly, destroys neighborhoods, prevents economic growth, threatens the environment and is a health hazard.
- Just one gallon of oil will pollute one million gallons of water.
- Each year in the US, people who change their own motor oil dump more oil onto the environment than the amount spilled by one of the worst oil tanker spills in United States History.
- Used motor oil is a valuable resource. It can be used for industrial fuels, mixed with asphalt and made into road-base, and refined into lubricants with the same quality as new products.

