

# Caring For Your Car and the Environment

Car care and maintenance are important when trying to protect the environment. Many vehicle fluids can be hazardous, including engine oil, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, brake fluid, hydraulic fluids, and radiator fluid. Even small quantities can contaminate water supplies and harm fish and wildlife.



## Motor Oil Disposal

Since more than 25% of all car owners change their own oil, knowing how to dispose of it properly is important. Any motor oil dumped into a storm drain will eventually end up in a nearby stream or lake. If you change your oil, put the used oil in a sturdy container, label it, and take it to a local oil recycling location.

## Clean-Up of Spills

Use kitty litter or sawdust to absorb spills of any of these types of materials. Sweep up the absorbent after a few hours. For small spills, place the used absorbent in a strong plastic bag and place it in the trash. For large spills, (over 1 gallon of absorbent), take the material to a household hazardous waste disposal center.

