

USED OIL & FILTERS

Used oil is a marketable product and is not regulated as a hazardous waste if it is sent off-site for recycling or burned as fuel. Examples of used oil include used engine oil, lubricating oil, gear oil, transmission fluid, hydraulic fluid, and cooking oil. However, if used oil is not properly handled or becomes contaminated with hazardous waste such as flammable solvents or heavy metals, it must be managed and disposed of as hazardous waste. The following guidelines must be followed for managing used oil and filters:



Used Oil

- Never dispose of used oil in sanitary sewers, storm drains, or regular trash.
- Never mix other chemical wastes with used oil.
- Used oil must be stored in tanks or containers that are in good condition.
- Containers must always be closed except when waste is being added or removed.
- Containers must be properly labeled with the words “Used Oil.”
- Containers larger than 55-gallons must be stored in secondary containment. This containment must be capable of holding 110% of the volume of the largest container.
- If there are any suspected hazardous contaminants in the oil, the label should indicate the potential hazardous contaminants.
- If the oil is classified as hazardous waste, it must be managed according to hazardous waste regulations. EH&S will make the final waste determination based on analytical results and a review of the process.
- When tanks or containers are full, submit an online waste pickup request, and EH&S will schedule a pickup.

Used Oil Filters

- Used oil filters must be gravity or “Hot” drained at or above 60° F.
- To facilitate draining, filters can be drained by puncturing the anti-drain back valve or filter dome, or by crushing them.
- Filters must be drained into a properly labeled “Used Oil” collection container for at least 12 hours.
- After draining for 12 hours, the filter can be disposed of in regular trash or recycled as scrap metal.

Oil Spills

1. Stop the release.
2. Contain the released oil using absorbent materials.
3. Notify EH&S as soon as possible by calling 702-651-7445.
4. Clean up and manage any released oil and other materials according to guidance from EH&S.
5. Repair or replace any leaking oil storage containers or tanks before returning them to service.



To dispose of used oil, please submit an online pickup request using the EH&S Chemical/Bio Waste Pickup Request form available at: <https://csn.campusoptics.com/hw/chemical-bio-waste-pick-up-request-form>. Please contact EH&S at 702-651-7445 or ehs@csn.edu if you have any questions.