

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Unlike water in sanitary sewers (from sinks and toilets), water in storm drains is **not treated or cleaned** before entering our waterways and should never contain any pollutants. Vehicle maintenance can generate a variety of waste products which can become pollutants like oil, gasoline, antifreeze, lubricants, metals, grease, and other harmful substances. If not properly managed, these pollutants can be transported to Orange County's creeks, rivers, and ocean through our storm drain system.

Understand the Best Practices for Conducting Car Maintenance at Home




Who is H₂OC?

H₂OC is YOU. H₂OC is also a cooperative stormwater program which includes all 34 cities in Orange County, the County of Orange, and Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD). Clean and healthy beaches, creeks, rivers, bays, wetlands, and ocean are important to Orange County. H₂OC provides resources to residents and businesses to encourage personal action and prevent polluted runoff from entering our waterways.

Join Us

Visit h2oc.org to learn more about runoff, water pollution, and how you can be the solution to runoff pollution and protect our water resources.

Contact

 **24-hour Pollution Reporting Hotline:**
877-89-SPILL (877-897-7455)

 **24-hour Pollution Reporting Website:**
myOCeServices.ocgov.com

For emergencies, dial 911

*oclandfills.com/hazardous-waste

**www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/CertifiedCenters

HOW TO BE A RESPONSIBLE
HOME MECHANIC
TO PROTECT OUR WATERWAYS



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STORMWATER PROGRAM

BE PREPARED & PLAN AHEAD

Before working on a vehicle, it is important to prepare to prevent pollution.

- ✓ Identify all actions that can cause spills or release pollutants.
- ✓ Locate and protect all storm drains on or near your property in case there is a spill.
- ✓ Only perform repair and maintenance activities when it isn't raining, and on non-porous surfaces like concrete.
- ✓ Store car parts, batteries, oils, other materials and waste off the ground, under overhead cover, and in labeled containers.
- ✓ Have spill cleanup materials available, including absorbents like kitty litter, gloves, goggles, brooms, and rags.
- ✓ Park leaking vehicles on private property over a drip pan until repairs can be made.



COLLECT & CONTAIN WASTE

There are many types of waste products that result from vehicle maintenance. Keeping wastes contained properly will make pollution prevention simple.

- Use absorbents like rags or kitty litter to clean up any spills right away.
- Clean work areas using dry methods (use a vacuum or broom to sweep up debris).
- Drain vehicle fluids into appropriate receptacles for proper disposal. Check with your city to see if free recycle kits are offered.
- Place a drip pan under vehicles to capture fluids.
- When possible, perform all bodywork in enclosed areas. Collect all waste and dispose of it properly.
- All chemicals used to clean parts must be properly managed. Do not discharge to storm drain.
- If any waste enters the street, gutter, or storm drain, report it by calling 877-897-7455 or going to myOCeServices.ocgov.com.
- Most vehicle maintenance byproducts are hazardous waste and must be disposed of in accordance with all local, state, and federal laws.*



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USED OIL RECYCLING

Take your used oil to one of the many CalRecycle Certified Used Oil Collection Centers throughout Orange County.** All Certified Centers will accept up to five gallons of uncontaminated used oil from the public absolutely FREE of charge during normal business hours. Here are some tips for utilizing a collection center:

- Drain your oil into a clean container with a tight fitting lid and place the filter in a sealed plastic bag.
- Do not mix oil with other substances.
- Many Certified Centers are now accepting used filters, call the center to confirm.
- There is no I.D. or paperwork required to participate.

Look for a sign like this:



For more information about the used oil program, visit: ocusedoil.com or scan the QR code.