



Contaminated Oil



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“contaminated by hazardous materials in excess of that which generally occurs in normal use, which renders the used oil infeasible for recycling, and requires that the used oil be destroyed at a substantially higher cost than the cost generally to recycle used oil”

-PRC 48660.5



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- Only allow staff to pour into tank



Suspected Oil

- Do NOT pour into tank
- Send to PHHW facility for proper management



Other detection methods

- Kits
- Flame tests
- “Sniffer”

Detection Kits





Chlordane

- Multiple incidents in Bay Area and Central Valley







Cost to clean up

- Lab tests
- Cost of disposal of contaminated oil
- Cost of clean up of contaminated tank(s)



Who is eligible?

- Certified Collection Centers
- Curbside Collection Program
- Publicly funded collection center in small rural county





What can be reimbursed?

- Testing
- Disposal
- Clean-up





How much can be reimbursed?

- PCB – net additional costs
- Other – up to \$5,000 of net additional costs



Other limits

- CalRecycle funding limit - \$200,000/yr
- One shipment per year
- Contaminated oil prevention procedures

<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/CertCenters/>

Used Oil Recycling Program
Welcome to the Certified Collection Center Program

This website is designed to provide information and assistance to operators of California's Used oil Certified Collection Centers. You will find information on several topics summarized here. For more detail, there are downloadable documents in each section and links to forms.

When you become a State-certified Used Oil Collection Center and accept used motor oil from the public you increase your customer traffic, provide a valuable service to your community, and receive a recycling incentive from CalRecycle.


If you would like to download all of these materials in a single document, link to the Complete [CCC Operators Guide](#) (PDF, 3.9 MB).

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Collection Center Basics

This section summarizes key aspects of the Certified Collection Center program.

Funds for this program are derived from a 24 cents per gallon fee added to the cost of lubricating oil in California. The funds are managed by CalRecycle which pays the incentive claims available to you as a Certified Collection Center. CalRecycle also distributes money to local city/county Used Oil Recycling Programs through the Oil



pricing structures change, you may find it helpful to compare the services available from different haulers.

→ [Choosing a Hauler](#) (PDF, 3.9 MB)

A list of haulers of used motor oil and filters known to CalRecycle to serve businesses in California. Note that information may not remain current and that no recommendation is implied by inclusion in this list.

→ [Used Oil Collection Hauler List](#) (PDF, 4 MB)

Additional Resources for Certified Collection Centers

Contaminated Oil

Contaminated oil is occasionally a problem for Certified Collection Centers. Used motor oil mixed with anything else including water cannot be recycled and must be treated as hazardous waste. This section explains.

→ How to [avoid accepting contaminated oil including signage](#) you can order

→ [How to Deal with Contaminated Used Motor Oil](#) (PDF, 4 MB)

Your responsibility to refer Do-It-Yourselfers with contaminated oil to an appropriate disposal location. Your local Used Oil Recycling Program Manager will be able to help you with this, and you can also find a [list of hazardous waste agency contacts by county](#).

→ Contaminated Used Oil Reimbursement Application (CalRecycle 325) ([PDF](#), 520 KB) ([Word](#), 45 KB)

Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping of hazardous waste is a serious offense, whether it is oil left outside your door after hours, other waste materials such as paint or pesticides left on your property, or emptied oil containers placed in your trash that contain enough residue to leak out.

→ [Illegal Dumping](#) (PDF, 4 MB)

Not all Certified Collection Center businesses experience these problems, and they are not confined to businesses that participate in the program. However, they can be very challenging to deal with. Once these materials are on your property, you are legally responsible to dispose of them properly.

This section suggests some tips for dealing with illegal dumping and ways that your local Used Oil Recycling Program manager may be able to help you.

Managing Spills and Drains



Claim Documentation

- Lab tests
- Manifests
- Copy of contaminated oil prevention procedures
- Invoices



References

Statute: PRC 48660.5

Regulations: Title 14, §18651.8



Questions?

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