



# Contaminated Oil Claims

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# 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
- Halogens – up to \$5,000 of net additional costs



## Other limits

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

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**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](#).

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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 Payment Program (OPP). The OPP money can be used to educate the public about recycling oil and filters, and also to assist certified centers.

- [Certified Collection Center Basics](#) (PDF, 4 MB)

**Becoming a Collection Center**

This section is designed for people considering participating in the program for the first time. It reviews the benefits and obligations of certification, and also includes detailed instructions for completing the [application form](#).

- [Becoming a Certified Collection Center](#) (PDF, 4 MB)
- [Certification Application](#) (CalRecycle 29) (PDF, 567 KB)


**Contacts**

The Used Oil Certified Collection Center Unit can be contacted for questions regarding certification or incentive claims:

**Phone Number:** (916) 341-8890  
**or Email:** [UsedOilCCC@CalRecycle.ca.gov](mailto:UsedOilCCC@CalRecycle.ca.gov) (Certification)  
[UsedOilClaims@CalRecycle.ca.gov](mailto:UsedOilClaims@CalRecycle.ca.gov) (Incentive Claims)

**Signs**

All Certified Collection Center signs are free and will be shipped directly to your location. Use the [online request form](#) or call (916) 341-8890 to place an order.



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### How to Choose a Hauler

The hauling of used motor oil and filters is an industry that is going through changes. As companies consolidate and 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 knows to CalRecycle to serve businesses to 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)

### Contaminated Oil Reimbursement Programs

Contaminated oil is occasionally a problem for used oil collection centers. Used motor oil mixed with anything else including water cannot be recycled and must be treated and disposed of as a hazardous waste. Collection sites generally bear additional costs related to the handling, disposal, and clean-up of contaminated oil. While these incidents are relatively rare, some of these additional costs can be reimbursed through the Contaminated Oil Reimbursement Program.

#### Who is Eligible to File for Contaminated Oil Reimbursement?

- Certified Collection Centers
- Curbside Collection Programs
- Publicly funded used oil collection sites located in rural counties. Rural counties are defined as counties with an annual [disposal volume](#) under 200,000 tons.

#### What Costs Can be Reimbursed?

CalRecycle can reimburse the additional disposal and clean-up costs of the contaminated oil that exceed the cost of picking up the same amount of uncontaminated oil.

#### Filing a Reimbursement Application

In order to file a reimbursement application, a contaminated used oil reimbursement application (CalRecycle 325) ([PDF](#), 50 KB | [Word](#), 45 KB) must be filled out. In addition, the site must supply the following information:

- Lab tests showing the type and level of contamination.
- A copy of the uniform hazardous waste manifests or manifest receipts showing all transportation of the contaminated oil.
- Amount of actual total disposal and clean-up costs minus the amount normally charged to pick up the same amount of uncontaminated oil.
- A copy of the invoice or receipt from a used oil hauler showing the disposal and clean-up costs related to the contaminated oil.
- A detailed explanation of how the event occurred (summary of events) and a copy of the site's established [procedures](#) for preventing future contamination of oil with hazardous waste.

#### Additional Resources for Contaminated Oil

- [How to Deal with Contaminated Used Motor Oil](#)
- Your local Used Oil Recycling Program Manager will be able to help you refer [Do-It-Yourselfers with contaminated oil](#) to an appropriate disposal site.
- [Signage you can order to help avoid accepting contaminated oil.](#)

### Illegal Dumping

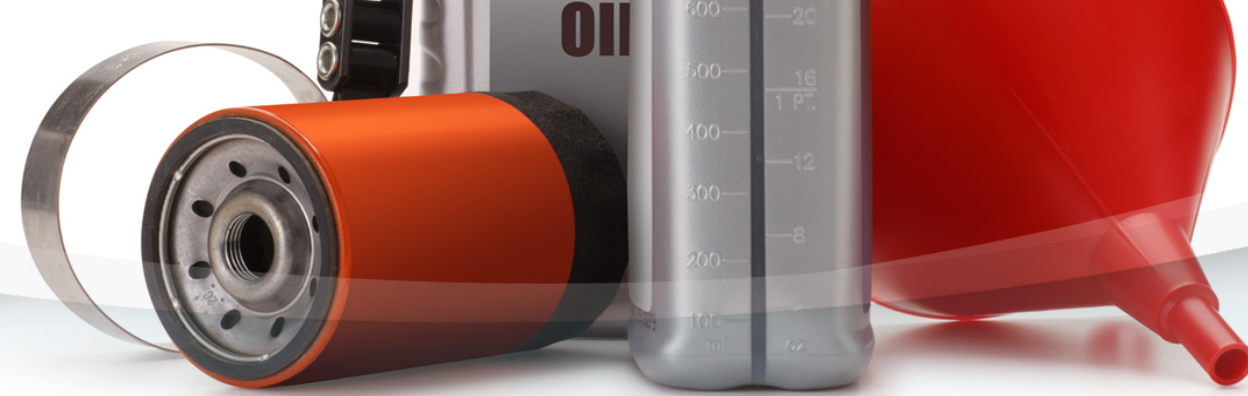
Illegal dumping of hazardous waste is a serious offense, whether it is oil left outside your door after hours, other waste materials such as paint or pesticides left on your property, or emptied oil containers placed in your trash that contain enough residue to leak out.

- [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 Drips



# 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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