

Storm Water Program

Car Care for Do-It-Yourselfers:

What to know

Each year in the U.S. an estimated 180 million gallons of used oil are disposed of improperly - dripped, spilled, or poured onto the ground, directly into waterways, or down storm drains. That's sixteen times the amount spilled by the *Exxon Valdez*!



Your Work Area

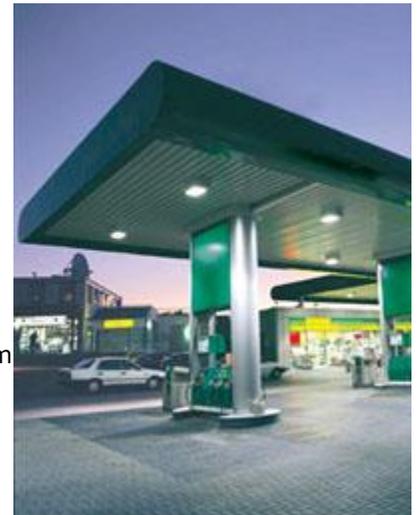
- When you're working on your car, remember that any drips or spills left in a street or driveway can flow to a storm drain and into our streams!
- DO choose a work area that is easy to clean up, with an impervious floor if possible.
- DO use plastic tarps and drip pans when your car is leaking, and when you're working on it. Fix leaks as soon as possible!
- DO use sawdust or cat litter for spills. Sweep it up, bag it, and put it in the trash. For large spills, use a squeegee and dust pan first.
- DON'T hose down your work area!

Changing Oil, Antifreeze and Other Fluids

- Proper use and disposal of auto fluids is an easy way to prevent storm water pollution and protect our creeks.
- DO drain fluid into a drain pan. Use a funnel to pour fluid into a plastic container.
- DO recycle used oil.
- DO recycle your old oil filter. Poke holes in it and let it drain into your oil pan for several hours first.
- DO dispose of radiator fluid properly. Don't flush your radiator where fluids may flow into a street, gutter, or storm drain.
- DON'T drain or pour any auto fluid onto the street or into a storm drain.
- DON'T mix coolant with other auto fluids. They are not recyclable when mixed.

Car Care for Automotive Facilities:

- Uncovered fueling stations allow spills to be washed into storm drains. Cars waiting to be repaired can leak fuel, oil, and other harmful fluids that can be picked up by stormwater.
- Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of cleanup materials.
- Provide cover over fueling stations and design or retrofit facilities for spill containment.
- Properly maintain fleet vehicles to prevent oil, gas, and other discharges from being washed into local water bodies.
- Install and maintain oil/water separators.



If you have any questions or concerns call your stormwater experts at the Town of Spring Lake

If you see someone dumping oil or antifreeze call the Stormwater Hot Line

910 – 436 - 0241 extension 310

Remember: "It's not just Storm water, it's your drinking water!"