

**WHEN YOUR CAR'S LEAKING OIL ON  
THE STREET, REMEMBER IT'S NOT  
JUST LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET.**

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Leaking oil goes from your car onto the street. Rain washes oil into storm drains and into the Schuylkill and Delaware Rivers. Now, imagine the number of cars in our region and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way into our local waterways. So please, maintain your car and always recycle used motor oil.

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**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- Check your car or truck for drips and oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly. Keep your vehicle tuned to reduce oil use.
- Use ground cloths or drip pans under your vehicle if you have leaks or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately and properly dispose of clean up materials.
- Collect all used oil in containers with tight-fitting lids. Old plastic jugs are excellent for this purpose.
- Do not mix waste oil with gasoline, solvents, or other engine fluids. This contaminates the oil which may be reused, increases the volume of the waste, and may form a more hazardous chemical.
- Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid or other engine fluids into road gutters, down the storm drain or catch basin, onto the ground, or into a ditch.
- Recycle used motor oil. Many auto supply stores, car care centers, and gas stations will accept used oil. Many communities have hazardous waste collection days where used oil can be brought in for proper disposal. Recycling just one gallon of used oil can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost 24 hours.

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