

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



**Leaking oil from your car goes onto the street.
Rain washes the oil into storm drains and
ultimately into either the Christina or White
Clay Creek. 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.**

Many thanks to the Washington State Department of Ecology,
King County, and the cities of Bellevue, Seattle, and Tacoma.
If you would like more information call 302-366-7040.

**BE A PART OF THE POLLUTION SOLUTION!
HELP CLEAN UP THE STORMWATER IN NEWARK.**

WHY?

Clean water is of vital importance for our health, economy, and environment. It exists in very limited supply. All of us benefit from clean water – and all of us have a role in protecting our creeks and tributaries in Newark. By protecting water quality here in Newark, we are not only helping to improve our quality of life, but also the quality of life for the rest of our neighbors and animals who call the Delaware Estuary their home. The Delaware Estuary is where the river meets the sea, and it is a vital ecosystem.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The largest contributor of stormwater pollution is diffuse, or “non-point” sources like cars leaking oil, fertilizers washing off of fields, lawns, and gardens, and failing septic systems. Even ordinary activities around the home, like properly changing and disposing of your vehicle’s oil, can make a difference.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Check your vehicle for drips and oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly. Keep your vehicle tuned up to reduce oil use.
- Use 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 cannot then be recycled. It also increases the volume of the waste, and may form a more hazardous chemical.
- Never dump motor oil, antifreeze, transmission fluid or other engine fluids down the storm drain or catch basin, onto the ground, or into a ditch.
- Recycle used motor oil at participating Delaware Solid Waste Authority “Recycle Delaware” locations. Call 1-800-404-7080 to find your nearest location. Recycling just one gallon of used oil can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost 24 hours.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on places you can take your used motor oil for recycling, contact the Delaware Solid Waste Authority at 1-800-404-7080, or the City of Newark at 302-366-7040. Or, visit our website at:
<http://www.cityofnewarkde.us/NPDESstormwaterprogram>

In Newark: Only Rain in the Storm Drain



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