## **Boating and Motor Oil**

#### Practice Preventive Engine Maintenance

- Regularly inspect lines and hoses for deterioration.
- Fix small leaks that drip oil into the bilge.
- Replace your oil pan gaskets and oil seals.
- If you change your own oil, use a closed system (a portable vacuum oil change pump).

### Don't Pump Oily Bilge Water Overboard

### <u>Using Oil Absorbents</u>

Oil absorbents are the least expensive method boaters can use to control oily discharges. These products absorb oil while repelling water and come in many shapes and sizes.

- Use oil absorbent sheets or pads for oil drips under the engine and in the bilge and to remove oil sheen on the water.
- Oil absorbents should be used while fueling your boat or when filling a portable fuel tank.
- Call Department of Resource Management at (530) 225-5789 for a FREE boater kit. These kits include oil-absorbent pads and pillows.



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### **Precautions**

- Secure absorbents in the bilge to prevent clogging or fouling the bilge and the bilge pump float or sensor.
- Check saturation of absorbent periodically. When saturated, remove absorbent and place in a leak-proof bag or container.

#### To Learn More, Visit: https://dbw.parks.ca.gov

## HOW DO YOU DISCARD OIL-SATURATED ABSORBENTS?

Absorbents saturated with oil are presumed to be hazardous and should NOT be thrown in the garbage. Used oil absorbents can be disposed of at the:

### City of Redding's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facility

2255 Abernathy Ln., Redding, (530) 224-6209

State law prohibits the transportation of more than 5 gallons or 50 pounds of hazardous waste at a time.



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# Used Motor Oil and Proper Disposal



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### **Used Motor Oil**

## Did you know that motor oil does not wear out? It just gets dirty; recycling it saves a valuable resource.

## WHERE CAN I DISPOSE OF **MY USED OIL AND FILTERS?**

Visit recycle.shastacounty.gov for a list of oil collection facilities near you. Or call the Department of Resource Management at (530) 225-5789 for more information.

### WHAT IS A CERTIFIED **COLLECTION CENTER?**

A Certified Collection Center is a facility that accepts used motor oil and filters during normal

business hours. Look for the "Recycle Used Oil" sign, as shown here. These facilities must pay you 40 cents per each gallon of oil brought in. However, they do have



the option to pay you with an in-store coupon. The coupon offer is required to be at least double the cash incentive offer.

### **CHECK YOUR NUMBER: KNOW YOUR NUMBER**

You may be changing your oil too soon. Be sure to read your vehicle's owner's manual to determine how frequently you should be changing your oil. Or, visit CalRecycle's "Check Your Number" tool www2.calrecycle.ca.gov/UsedOil/changeinterval.

### WHAT HAPPENS TO **RECYCLED MOTOR OIL?**

Used motor oil can be cleaned and recycled, which helps keep it out of waterways. Recycled oil can then be used to make heating oil, asphalt and other petroleum-based products.

Plus, recycling used motor oil is easier on the environment and a powerful way to reduce your carbon footprint.

A single pint of oil can cover one acre of surface water and seriously damage aquatic habitats and impact drinking water.



Visit recycle.shastacounty.gov for a complete list of used oil collection centers.

### **HOW TO RECYCLE** YOUR CAR'S MOTOR OIL

**Contain the oil:** Place a tarp under your work area. Position a proper container underneath your engine to catch oil as it drains.

Remove your filter: Your filter can be recycled too! Be sure to seal the filter in a plastic bag or a used oil filter container\* so that oil does not leak everywhere.

Transportation: You may need to transfer your oil from a drip pan to another storage container with a tight-fitting lid for transportation.

\* Call the Shasta County Department of Resource Management at (530) 225-5789 for a FREE DIY oil change kit and a used oil filter container. Call and ask about our FREE boater kits too! Supplies are limited.

Motor oil that has been mixed with other fluids such as water, washer fluid, gasoline, etc. is not recyclable and should be disposed of at the:

**City of Redding's HHW Collection Facility** 2255 Abernathy Ln., Redding, (530) 224-6209

