

## Where can I recycle my used Oil or Oil Filters?

Locations across the state accept used motor oil and oil filters for recycling. Automotive related businesses statewide may serve as a drop off locations for your used oil or oil filters or take them to your local Regional Collection Center (RCC).

For the location of your nearest RCC, visit [www.SafeSmartSolutions.org](http://www.SafeSmartSolutions.org).

For the location of some businesses that accept used oil or oil filters visit the Automotive Products Disposal Directory at [www.iowadnr.gov/FABA](http://www.iowadnr.gov/FABA)



For more information contact your local Solid Waste Agency or your Regional Collection Center.

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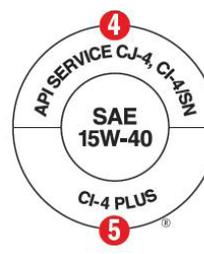
Used oil is recycled by being re-refined to remove contaminants and water. Oil displaying the API "Donut" or ILSAC "Starburst" meets the same certification as virgin motor oil and can be used in engines or as lubricating oil.



API "Donut"



ILSAC "Starburst"



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AND  
OIL FILTERS**



## Used Oil

Oil doesn't wear out, it just gets dirty. As it lubricates your engine it picks up a variety of contaminants, causing the need for an oil change. If you change your own oil, please recycle at one of the locations listed on [SafeSmartSolutions.org](http://SafeSmartSolutions.org). Iowa law prohibits residents and businesses from disposing of used motor oil in the trash.

## Environmental Impacts

When disposed of improperly, used oil can be hazardous to human health and the environment. **Never** pour used oil down any type of drain, into a sanitary sewer or onto the ground. One pint of oil can form a slick as big as a football field on a lake or pond.



## What happens to used motor oil I bring in to recycle?

Used oil can be reprocessed into fuel that can be used in furnaces for heat, or in power plants to generate electricity for homes, schools and businesses. It can also be used in industrial and utility boilers or blended for marine fuels. Used motor oil can also be re-refined into lubricating oils that meet the same API specifications as virgin motor oil.



Used oil

Refined oil

If you recycle just 8 quarts (2 gallons) of used oil it can generate enough electricity to run the average household for almost 24 hours.



## Used Oil Filters

Even after a filter has been drained for several hours according to federal guidelines, several ounces of oil may remain trapped in the filter. This oil may leach out and contaminate ground or surface waters. Recycling used oil filters is preferred. It is the law in Iowa that businesses must recycle all oil filters they generate.

## What happens to the used oil filters I bring in to be recycled?

The filter is crushed, shredded or heated to remove the oil for recycling. The scrap metal is sent to smelters where it is used in steel products, which saves four times as much energy as virgin iron ore and conserves natural resources.

