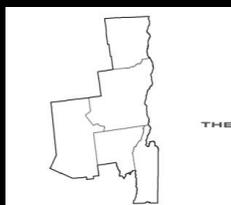


WHEN YOUR CAR'S LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET, REMEMBER IT'S NOT JUST LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET.



Leaking oil goes from your car to the street. Then it is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes and streams. Now imagine the number of cars in your neighborhood and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our water.

So please, fix oil leaks.



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It's up to all of us to protect and maintain the health of our watersheds.

In recent years "point" sources of water pollution like industrial factory wastes have been greatly reduced.

Now, more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from "non-point" sources like cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms or lawns, and failing septic tanks. All of these sources add up to a big pollution problem. But each of us can do small things to help clean up our water too and that adds up to a pollution solution!

Why Do We Need Clean Water?

Having clean water is of primary importance for our health, environment, and economy. Clean water provides recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, drinking water and adds beauty to our landscape. All of us benefit from clean water and we all have a role in getting and keeping our lakes and streams clean.

What's The Problem With Motor Oil?

Oil does not dissolve in water. It lasts a long time and sticks to everything from beach sand to bird feathers. Oil and other petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife and plants. One pint of oil can make a slick larger than a football field. Oil that leaks from our cars onto roads and driveways is washed into storm drains, and then usually flows directly to our lakes and streams. Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in our watersheds. Americans spill 180 million gallons of used oil each year into our waters. This is 16 times the amount spilled by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska.

Clean Water Tips:

How can you use and change your motor oil and help keep our waters clean?

- ♦ **Stop drips. Check for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly. Keep your car tuned to reduce oil use.**
- ♦ **Use ground cloths or drip pans beneath your vehicle if you have leaks or are doing engine work.**
- ♦ **Clean up spills immediately. Collect all used oil in containers with tight fitting lids. Do not mix different engine fluids.**
- ♦ **Never dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain, on the ground or into a ditch.**
- ♦ **Recycle used motor oil. Many auto supply stores and gas stations will accept used oil.**
- ♦ **Buy recycled (re-refined) motor oil to use in your car.**

To find out more about where you can take used oil for recycling, call the Department of Ecology's 1-800-RECYCLE line or the Lake Champlain-Lake George Regional Planning Board at (518) 668-5773.



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