



Transporting Used Oil and Related Wastes

Used oil includes petroleum-based or synthetic-based oils that have been used as lubricants, hydraulic fluids, heat transfer fluids, or for similar uses. *Used oil-related wastes* include any waste or debris contaminated with used oil, and are subject to the same requirements as used oil.

Used oil filters are also a used oil-related waste, but are eligible for different, less stringent requirements. See [Used oil filter transporter requirements](#) on page 2.

The used oil transporter requirements discussed in this fact sheet do not apply to used oil or related wastes if they have already been tested and shown to meet the used oil specifications, called *on-specification used oil*. You may transport used oil you receive as already on-specification in the same way as refined fuel oil.

Transport requirements for used oil and related wastes in Minnesota are administered by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the Metropolitan Counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington (Metro Counties).

For more information on what is and what is not a used oil or related waste, and on the used oil specifications, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw4-30, *Used Oil and Related Wastes: Management Guidance for Generators*, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw4-30.pdf>.

Who is a used oil transporter?

Used oil transporters include:

- Any business or government entity transporting used oil or related waste it did not generate.
- A used oil generator self-transporting more than 55 gallons of used oil or related waste at a time.

Before you transport used oil or related wastes as a transporter

Notify the MPCA of your intended used oil transportation activity using the MPCA's e-Service Notification of Regulated Waste Activity. Step-by-step instructions and the link to the e-Service are available in MPCA fact sheet #w-hw5-12, *Notification of Regulated Waste Activity*, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw5-12.pdf>. This is a one-time notification, though you may be asked to periodically verify you are operating.

If you transport used oil or related waste to a used oil burner, or test it after you pick it up and show it meets the used oil specifications, you are also considered a *used oil marketer*. Use the e-Service to notify the MPCA of your used oil marketing activity as well. For more information on used oil marketer requirements, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw4-34, *Marketing Used Oil and Related Waste*, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw4-34.pdf>.

Determine whether the total halogen content (astatine, bromine, chlorine, fluorine, and iodine) of the used oil or related waste is below or above 1000 parts per million (ppm). You may either test the used oil or related waste or apply reasonable knowledge of the source of the used oil or related waste. Used oil or related waste containing 1000 ppm total halogens or more is a fully regulated hazardous waste unless you can show that the used oil or related waste has not been mixed with a hazardous waste, such as if you can document that the only reasonable source of the halogens is metalworking oil containing chlorinated paraffins.

Fully regulated hazardous waste may only be transported using a Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest. For more information on transporting hazardous wastes using a manifest, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw1-07, *Manifest Shipments of Hazardous Waste*, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw1-07.pdf>.

Who can used oil transporters deliver used oil or related waste to?

Used oil transporters may only deliver used oil or related waste to:

- Another used oil transporter or storage facility
- A used oil recycling facility
- A used oil burner

Ensure that anyone you deliver used oil or related waste to, except for used oil filters, has notified either the MPCA or the state where they operate of their activity. Note their Hazardous Waste Identification Number (HWID, also known as an 'EPA Identification Number') in your records. See [What records must used oil transporters keep?](#) on page 3.

What preparedness requirements must used oil transporters meet?

If your company transports more than 10,000 gallons of used oil or related waste a month total by truck, prepare an emergency response plan including:

- Name and 24-hour contact telephone number of an individual with authority to approve action.
- Description of training in hazardous materials handling provided to your truck operators.
- Descriptions of your trucking equipment and the maximum capacity of your largest vehicle.
- Emergency response procedures for spills up to the maximum capacity of your largest vehicle.
- Proof of arrangements, either internally in your company or through a contract with a private contractor, for equipment and personnel to adequately respond to a maximum capacity spill.
- Minnesota Duty Officer's telephone numbers. See [Minnesota Duty Officer](#) on page 4.

Keep a copy of the emergency response plan at the main site for your Minnesota used oil trucking operations. Only send it to the MPCA upon request.

If you transport used oil or related waste with a flashpoint less than 200° Fahrenheit, you may also be subject to the Hazardous Materials Regulations (HMR) administered by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). For questions about the HMR, contact the DOT. See [U.S. Department of Transportation](#) on page 4.

Can used oil transporters consolidate or store used oil shipments?

You may consolidate shipments of used oil or related waste if you keep a running inventory.

If you store used oil or related waste for more than 24 hours, but 35 days or less, meet all the used oil generator storage requirements discussed in MPCA fact sheet #w-hw4-30, Used Oil and Related Wastes: Management Guidance for Generators, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw4-30.pdf>.

If you store used oil or related waste for more than 35 days, meet those requirements and also the emergency planning requirements for Large Quantity Generators of hazardous waste (LQGs) discussed in MPCA fact sheet #w-hw1-08c, Plan for Emergencies; Emergency Planning for Large Quantity Generators, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw1-08c.pdf>.

What are the used oil filter transporter requirements?

If you only transport used oil filters, you do not need to notify the MPCA of your activity or obtain an HWID.

Store and transport used oil filters in closed, leakproof containers. Deliver used oil filters only to other used oil filter transporters, used oil filter recyclers, scrap metal dealers, or an energy recovery facility.

Ensure that every year you ensure that at least 75% of the volume of used oil filters you received that calendar year is delivered for recycling.

What if there is a spill during transport of used oil, related waste, or filters?

In the event of a spill, immediately take action to stop the release, contain the spill, and recover the released used oil and anything it has contaminated. If more than five gallons of used oil is released, immediately report the incident to the Minnesota Duty Officer. See [Minnesota Duty Officer](#) on page 4.

What records must used oil and used oil filter transporters keep?

Provide a receipt to the offeror of each shipment of used oil or related wastes or used oil filters. The offeror is the generator, transporter, or facility from whom you accepted the shipment. Include:

- Your company name
- Your company's HWID
- Volume
- Date of the shipment
- For used oil filter shipments, your signed certification that the filters will be recycled

Keep a copy of each receipt or the same information in a log. In addition, note the:

- Company name of the used oil or used oil filter offeror.
- Address of used oil or used oil filter offeror.
- For used oil shipments, the HWID of the offeror, if applicable. (Used oil generators are not required to have an HWID if they do not generate other hazardous wastes.)
- For used oil shipments, the signature of the shipment offeror's representative.

Obtain and keep corresponding information from the recipient for each shipment of used oil or filters you deliver. Keep the receipt copies or log and the additional information for at least three years from the shipment date. Records may be kept in hardcopy or electronic form.

For more information about hazardous waste recordkeeping, see MPCA fact sheet #w-hw1-10, Keep Hazardous Waste Records, at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/w-hw1-10.pdf>.

More information

Guidance and requirements in this fact sheet were compiled from Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7045. To review Minnesota Rules, visit the Office of the Revisor of Statutes at <https://www.revisor.mn.gov/pubs>.

For more information, contact your metropolitan county hazardous waste office or your nearest MPCA regional staff. For information about waste minimization, contact the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP). The MPCA's Small Business Environmental Assistance Program can offer free, confidential compliance assistance. For questions regarding the HMR, contact the DOT or Minnesota DOT.

Immediately report all used oil spills greater than five gallons to the Minnesota Duty Officer.

Metro County Hazardous Waste Offices

Anoka 763-422-7093
..... <https://www.anokacounty.us/>
Carver 952-361-1800
..... <http://www.co.carver.mn.us/>
Dakota 952-891-7557
..... <https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/>
Hennepin 612-348-3777
..... <http://www.hennepin.us/>
Ramsey 651-266-1199
..... <https://www.ramseycounty.us/>
Scott 952-496-8475
..... <http://www.scottcountymn.gov/>
Washington 651-430-6655
..... <https://www.co.washington.mn.us/>

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Toll free (all offices) 1-800-657-3864
Brainerd 218-828-2492
Detroit Lakes 218-847-1519
Duluth 218-723-4660
Mankato 507-389-5977
Marshall 507-537-7146
Rochester 507-285-7343
St. Paul 651-296-6300
Willmar 320-214-3786
Website <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/>

Minnesota Technical Assistance Program

Toll free 1-800-247-0015
Metro 612-624-1300
Website <http://www.mntap.umn.edu>

Minnesota Duty Officer

Toll free 1-800-422-0798
Metro 651-649-5451

Small Business Environmental Assistance

Toll free 1-800-657-3938
Metro 651-282-6143
Website <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/sbeap/>

Minnesota Department of Transportation

Hazardous materials 651-215-6330
Website <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/>

U.S. Department of Transportation

Hazardous materials 1-800-467-4922
Website <http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/hazmat>