

Preventing Pollution During Vehicle Salvage

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As environmental protection becomes more and more important across the nation, industries of every type are faced with some big questions:

- What environmental regulations apply to me and my facility?
- How do I comply with those regulations?
- Are there things I can do to reduce the regulations I must follow?
- How can I protect myself from fines and liability?
- How do I protect myself and my workers from environmental hazards?

This publication can help owners and operators of vehicle salvage facilities in Missouri answer some of those questions. The guide sheets provide basic information about regulatory requirements and suggestions for protecting yourself, your workers and the environment through pollution prevention.

Each guide sheet in this publication deals with a separate issue you may face at your business. The guides will not answer every question you have. After reviewing them you should be able to decide if you need more information or assistance on a particular issue. The topics are listed on the back of this page.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources has the Environmental Assistance Office (EAO) to help people comply with environmental regulations and find ways to prevent pollution. If you need assistance, call EAO at 1-800-361-4827 or (573) 526-6627.



Pollution Prevention

Vehicle salvage operations deal with many things that can affect the environment. Materials such as waste oil, antifreeze and air-conditioning refrigerant can harm the environment and people if they are not properly managed.

State and federal environmental regulations explain what legally can and cannot be done with these materials. The regulations describe how pollution or waste should be controlled, stored, treated or disposed. A better solution is to prevent the waste or pollution.

What is Pollution Prevention?

Pollution prevention is simply not making the waste or pollutant in the first place. It means doing what we can to reduce the amount and toxicity of the pollution we generate.

Preventing pollution may be something as simple as using a catch-basin to prevent spills or something as complex as redesigning your operation to increase efficiency and reduce waste. Simple things like choosing nonhazardous solvents and cleaners can protect the environment and reduce the number of environmental regulations you are faced with. Pollution prevention means thinking about the environmental impact of your actions and trying to limit that impact.

Why Prevent Pollution?

When we generate waste or pollution, we must safely and legally manage that waste or pollution. Whether it is household trash or waste from a business, managing wastes costs money. Usually the things we discard are items we bought. A good example is paper towels. We buy them, use them once and then pay again to dispose of them.

If we reduce the amount of waste we generate, we save money. It's as simple as that. Reducing costs is a major reason to prevent pollution. Here are a few others:

- Improved work environment and worker safety.
- Reduced liability.
- Increased efficiency.
- Fewer regulatory requirements.
- Better environmental protection.

What Can Be Done At Vehicle Salvage Operations?

There are many ways to prevent pollution at vehicle salvage operations. Each of these guide sheets has suggestions on ways to prevent pollution. Here are a few general tips:

- Keep work areas clean and well organized to help prevent accidents.
- Use drip pans and splash guards where spills frequently occur.

Fix leaks immediately.

Do not buy more supplies than you need. The leftovers may become waste.

Purchase the largest practical container (containers usually end up as waste), but do not purchase more than you need.

Purchase the least toxic or hazardous product available. Check the material safety data sheets for products you purchase and keep on stock at your business. If the product is toxic or hazardous, ask your supplier for alternatives.

Use the oldest items first (first in, first out).

If you have excess or unneeded materials, see if your supplier can take them back.

Include the cost of disposal when you make purchasing decisions. What looks like the cheapest option may cost more because of disposal or other management costs.



Aerosol Cans

Vehicle salvage personnel use aerosol cans for various reasons. Spray cans may contain hazardous chemicals, such as 1,1,1-trichloroethane or toluene. In some cases, the aerosol may be hazardous waste because of what it contains or once contained. It is important to carefully manage this waste to protect human health and the environment.

Aerosol cans are often recycled as scrap metal. If the empty cans are recycled, the can and the residue inside are not considered waste so most hazardous waste regulations do not apply. If the can is not empty, it can still be recycled if the recycler is able to properly capture and manage the remaining contents. However, if the aerosol can contained an acutely hazardous waste such as some pesticides, it is unlikely that the recycler will be able to properly clean the container. These containers will probably require disposal. See the *Hazardous Waste* guide sheet for more information on acutely hazardous waste.

If your aerosol cans are empty, you can recycle them or send them to a sanitary landfill for disposal.

If you have one or two waste aerosol cans infrequently, you can send them to a sanitary landfill for disposal (even if they are not empty), if the landfill is willing to accept them. If the can contains pesticide, paint or other hazardous material, you must have approval from the landfill. If you generate more than two cans, you must find out whether the waste you have is hazardous waste and manage it properly. See the *Hazardous Waste* guide sheet for more information.

Ask your supplier to take back any defective cans. The manufacturer can sometimes repackage the contents.

Many products are also available in non-pressurized spray bottles or can be purchased in bulk and used in non-pressurized refillable sprayers.

Remember

- Aerosol cans may be hazardous waste. You need to find out whether your waste is hazardous and manage it properly.
- Empty cans, and sometimes cans that are not empty, can be recycled. Sometimes the contents can be reused.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of waste can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Decide if you actually need these products. If not, use up what you have and do not purchase any more. If you need it, limit its use and look for aerosol cans that do not contain hazardous chemicals.

- ✓ Switch to non-aerosol products if possible, such as manual pump cans or bottles, especially if they can be refilled.
- ✓ Use as much of the material as possible for its intended purpose.
- ✓ Purchase only the amount you need.



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Air Bags

Air bags were first introduced into American automobiles in the 1970s. Beginning with 1999 models, driver-side and passenger-side air bags have been standard equipment on all new passenger cars, sport utility vehicles, vans and light trucks sold in this country. Some new cars can have up to 12 air bag systems. Because of safety and environmental issues, disposing of air bag systems must be given consideration.

How can you tell if a vehicle is equipped with an air bag?

Look for the words "Supplemental Inflatable Restraint," or "Air Bag," or initials such as "SIR" or "SRS." These can be found on the steering wheel hub for driver air bags and on the instrument panel (over the glove box) on the right side of the vehicle for passenger air bags.

Why should an air bag be deployed before scrapping a vehicle?

Air bags - whether made of plastic, metal, or vinyl - contain a gas generator. Older air bags contain sodium azide, a hazardous substance, which is dangerous if inhaled and may burn exposed skin. Newer air bags contain gas generators that are not as hazardous, but might still be dangerous. Undeployed air bags can also damage vehicle shredders by releasing chemicals into the "fluff." Contaminated fluff could require costly handling and disposal methods. To prevent vehicle shredder damage or contamination, an undeployed air bag should be deployed. Some newer vehicles can have their air bags deployed by inputting a code into the car's computer. If this option is not available, the air bag should be deployed manually. Please note: a hazardous waste determination will need to be performed on undeployed air bags or the sodium azide module if the undeployed air bag or sodium azide is discarded.

The book *The Rescuer's Guide to Vehicle Safety Systems* from Holmatro contains locations of

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Air-Conditioning Refrigerant

Until 1995, the most common refrigerant used in automotive air-conditioning (a/c) units was chlorofluorocarbon-12, also known as CFC-12, R-12, or Freon. In December 1995 production of CFC-12 in the United States ended. CFC-12 can still be used, but it is no longer produced.

CFCs are chlorine-containing compounds that react with sunlight in a way that destroys the protective ozone layer in the earth's atmosphere. This allows the amount of ultraviolet (UV) radiation reaching the earth's surface to increase. Overexposure to UV rays may cause skin cancer, eye cataracts and a weakened immune system.

If you open an a/c system, you must contain all of the refrigerant using equipment approved by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). This includes CFC-12 and alternative refrigerants such as HFC-134a. You must recover the refrigerant before discarding, reselling or recycling the a/c unit as part of a dismantling or crushing operation. An employee of a salvage operation who recovers refrigerant from vehicles bound for disposal does not have to be a certified technician.

Technicians servicing or repairing motor vehicle a/c systems must be trained and certified by an organization approved by EPA. This is the law according to Section 609 of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments.

If you do not recover the refrigerant yourself, you must keep copies of signed statements that the refrigerant was removed by someone else before you got the vehicle. When you sell recovered refrigerant, you must keep records of when, how much and to whom it was sold.

Labeling

Federal law requires labeling of products containing ozone-depleting substances such as CFCs. Therefore, CFC-12 a/c units, refrigerant equipment and any containers must be labeled clearly. The label must read "WARNING Contains CFC-12, a substance which harms public health and the environment by destroying ozone in the upper atmosphere."

An a/c system retrofitted to use an alternate refrigerant must have a label telling what refrigerant is in the system.

Remember

- When working on an a/c unit, you must use EPA-approved recovery/recycling or recovery equipment.
- Never mix CFCs (CFC-12, R-12, Freon) with HFCs (HFC-134a, R134a) either in an a/c unit or in the recovery equipment.
- Label all equipment and containers that contain CFC.

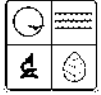
Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Recycle refrigerants as required by law, especially the limited supplies of CFC-12.
- ✓ Suggest the customer consider retrofitting to use an alternative refrigerant when installation of a salvage part will require totally removing the CFC-12 from the system.

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Antifreeze

Antifreeze is usually made of ethylene glycol, corrosion inhibitors and foam controllers. Ethylene glycol is toxic if ingested. It is particularly dangerous because animals and children are

activities. If you recycle 2,200 lbs. or more in a month, you need a resource recovery certification. For more information, contact the department at 1-800-361-4827. If you recycle antifreeze only from late-model cars and trucks, you do not need a resource recovery certification.

Your recycling unit will create waste such as distillation residues or used filters. You must determine if these wastes are hazardous before disposal. See the *Hazardous Waste* guide sheet for more information. If the residue is nonhazardous, it can be sent to the landfill with your regular trash. However, liquids cannot go to the landfill.

There may be businesses that will bring equipment to your facility and recycle your antifreeze on-site. Again, if the antifreeze is from late model cars and trucks, these companies do not need resource recovery certification. If it is from heavy equipment or older cars, these companies will need resource recovery certification to recycle your antifreeze.

Off-site Recycling or Disposal

There are companies that pick up used antifreeze for off-site recycling or disposal. If your used antifreeze is a hazardous waste, the transporter must have a Missouri license to transport hazardous waste and the waste must have a hazardous waste manifest with it. Make sure the facility you send it to has a resource recovery certification or a hazardous waste treatment, storage and disposal permit.

Discharge to wastewater treatment plant (pouring it down the drain)

If the drains at your facility go to a wastewater treatment plant (not a septic system), you may be able to pour antifreeze down the drain **IF** you have permission from the plant. Pouring wastes down the drain is called a discharge.

Some plants will not allow discharges of used antifreeze. Large quantities can harm the treatment plant. The wastewater treatment plant may not be able to remove all the contaminants from the used antifreeze. The c



Brake Fluid

Brake fluid is a mixture of polyglycol and glycol ethers with additives. Because it is made from petroleum and is used for hydraulic power transmission, it is defined as used oil in Missouri.

If you generate waste brake fluid, you must handle it according to Missouri's Hazardous Waste Law and rules. Improper disposal of used brake fluid can cause damage to soil and surface water and pose a risk to human health.

In Missouri, it is against the law for anyone to dispose of brake fluid or any other used oil into the environment. That means you cannot use it to control dust or pour it out onto the ground. You cannot legally dispose of brake fluid or any other used oil in a landfill in Missouri.

Brake fluid, like other used oil, is regulated as a hazardous waste unless it is recycled. You may mix your waste brake fluid with your other used oil, or you may handle the wastes separately. See the *Used Oil Disposal and Recycling* and *Hazardous Wastes* guide sheets for more information on how to manage this type of waste.

One problem that can occur is contamination of brake fluid with chlorinated compounds. Many brake cleaners or solvents contain chlorinated compounds. These can get into used brake fluid, causing it to need more expensive hazardous waste management. Some older brake fluids may have been manufactured using chlorinated compounds.

If your brake fluid contains chlorinated compounds and you mix your brake fluid with your used oil, it may be impossible to recycle your oil or use it as fuel. Check with your recycler to find out what level is unacceptable. You may wish to use a test kit to check used brake fluid for chlorinated compounds.

One way to avoid contamination is to use cleaners that do not contain chlorinated materials. If that is not possible, take care to avoid mixing the cleaning fluids with the waste brake fluid.

If you use an on-site used oil burner, check with the supplier or manufacturer to find out if burning brake fluid in the unit will cause problems. Burning glycol compounds could cause smoke or fumes. Keep track of any times brake fluid is burned in the unit to see if it causes a problem. Avoid burning the fluid in your burner if smoke or fumes result.

Remember

- Used brake fluid is considered used oil.
- Used brake fluid is a hazardous waste unless it is recycled.
- Check with the manufacturer of your oil burner before burning brake fluid with your used oil. Do not burn brake fluid if it creates smoke or fumes.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Carefully drain brake fluid into drip pans and prevent spillage during emptying and transfer.
- ✓ Clean up spills as soon as possible with proper absorbent.
- ✓ Take care not to mix chlorinated cleaners or solvents with brake fluid or used oil.

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Brake Pads and Shoes

Vehicle brake pads and brake shoes are commonly made with material containing asbestos. The dust that accumulates in the brake area contains very small asbestos particles. Asbestos is known to cause cancer.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources does not have regulations requiring you to use particular practices when dismantling brakes. You should, however, be very careful to keep asbestos-containing brake dust out of the atmosphere. Also, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has regulations that may apply to you.

When you remove the brake pad or shoe from the brake, vacuum the brake dust with a HEPA-filtered vacuum or use a wet towel to wipe off the dust. A HEPA-filter is a high efficiency particulate air filter. If you use a towel to wipe off the dust, put the towel in a plastic bag before discarding it. If you use a vacuum, use the vacuum and disposable bag only for brake dust. When the bag is full, seal it for disposal.

Never blow brake dust off with an air hose.

Since small asbestos particles may escape, it is a good idea to wear a breathing mask approved for filterable particulate material.

When brakes are bled, try to catch all the brake fluid. See the *Brake Fluid* guide sheet for information on how to manage the waste fluid.

Keep used brake pads or shoes that you dispose of separate from your other trash. The recommended practice is to wrap the old pads or shoes in plastic bags, then put the bagged material into a sealed container. Label the container for used brake material only. The dedicated vacuum bag for brake dust should also be placed in this container.

When the container is full, notify your trash collection service that you have asbestos-containing material to be picked up. The service may want to pick up the material separately from your regular trash, depending on how the local landfill operates.

Remember

- Brake pads and shoes may contain asbestos.
- Dust from brakes may contain asbestos. Try to control it by using a HEPA-filtered vacuum or wet wiping the dust. Do not use an air hose.
- Store asbestos waste separate from other waste.
- Place asbestos waste in plastic bags, then into a sealed container and label it.
- Notify your waste hauler that you have asbestos-containing waste when you are ready to dispose of it.

Pollution Prevention Options

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- ✓ Don't blow brake dust into the air. Use a vacuum to collect brake dust particles and dispose of the vacuum bag, brake shoes and pads in a plastic bag.
- ✓ When the brake system must be opened to remove parts, capture all the brake fluid and use a dedicated container so that any waste can be recycled.

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Chemical Spills or Releases

Spilling oil, automotive fluids or fuel can harm the environment. Many fluids used in vehicles are petroleum products and have the same spill reporting requirements as oil and fuel. Other automotive fluids and cleaning solvents used around a shop may be contaminated by metals such as lead and cadmium, or they may be listed hazardous wastes.

Be sure you put containers of automotive fluids where you can easily see spills or leaks. Put spill containment equipment near the container and be sure all employees are trained on proper use of the equipment.

Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan

If you store new or used oil in certain quantities near a waterway, you must have a spill prevention control and countermeasure (SPCC) plan. See the *Storage Tanks*

damage, retrieve any pooled material. Sometimes this can be done by scooping out a hole in the soil or pushing in the end of a ditch. Use a pump to recover the spilled material before it can soak into the ground and place it in a container.



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Fill Material, 404 Permits and 401 Certifications

If you plan to enlarge a storage lot or processing area on your property, you might need a federal 404 Permit and a state 401 Certification.

Section 404(a) of the Clean Water Act, requires you to get a federal 404 Permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) before excavating in or putting materials or fill into jurisdictional waters of the United States. The State of Missouri requires a 401 Certification for any project that needs a federal 404 Permit.

"Waters of the United States" are:

- Lakes
- Rivers,
- Streams (including dry streams)

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers District Boundaries (approximate)



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Floor Cleaning

Floor cleaning at vehicle salvage operations can have an environmental impact depending on the cleaning methods used. Floor cleaning is also important from a customer-relations standpoint.

The most important step in preventing environmental problems from floor cleaning is to prevent spills. Use drip pans to catch fluid spills.

- Do not discharge wastewater outdoors.

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Fluorescent Bulbs

Your paint shop may use fluorescent lights for overhead lighting. You may use high-pressure sodium, mercury vapor, metal halide, neon and high intensity discharge lights. These lights are classified as fluorescent bulbs for this guide sheet. Fluorescent lights typically use less energy and cost less to operate than incandescent lights. However, fluorescent bulbs may contain toxic metals such as mercury, cadmium and lead. When fluorescent bulbs are broken, people may be exposed to toxic levels of mercury vapor and other metals, which can be easily inhaled. Various vehicle lights such as headlamps and dashboard lights may also contain mercury. These would probably be classified in the broad category of fluorescent bulbs.

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources encourages lamp recycling to protect human health and to limit the amounts of toxic heavy metals entering the environment. Talk to your bulb supplier about recycling options. Also, ask your supplier about low-mercury bulbs.

If your business generates one or two lamps infrequently, and you are a conditionally exempt generator of hazardous waste, you may dispose of these in a Missouri sanitary landfill. Before disposal, put the lamp in the box the replacement lamp came in. Put the box in a plastic bag and secure the bag before putting it in the trash dumpster. This will help keep the bulb from breaking and will help protect you and the trash hauler.

Nonhazardous Lamps

If you know your fluorescent lamps are non-hazardous you may send them to a Missouri sanitary landfill or to a lamp recycler. You should contact the landfill operator for permission before disposal. The landfill operator can refuse any waste. The landfill may ask you to fill out a special waste disposal request before accepting the material.

Lamps Sent for Recycling

There are two ways to determine if lamps are hazardous.

1. Test the waste. The test used to find out the toxicity of fluorescent lamps is the toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (TCLP). If the level of any metal is at or above the acceptable level, the lamps are hazardous waste. Acceptable levels are published in Title 40 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* section 261.24 as follows:

Mercury - 0.2 milligrams per liter (mg/l)

Cadmium - 1 mg/l

Lead - 5 mg/l

2. Apply knowledge of the hazardous characteristic. Data from lamp manufacturers shows that unless they are "low-mercury" bulbs they are likely to be hazardous waste. If you wish, you may assume the lamps are hazardous to avoid the costs of testing. However, your disposal firm may ask for test results before taking your lamps.

The hazardous waste regulations you must meet depend on how much waste you generate. It may be helpful to know that 350 of the standard four-foot long lamps weigh about 220 pounds. If you have more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste in a month or at any one time you are regulated as a small quantity generator. See the *Hazardous Waste* guide sheet for more information.

Remember

- Fluorescent bulbs may be hazardous waste.
- Unbroken fluorescent bulbs can be recycled.
- Do not break fluorescent bulbs.

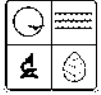
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- ✓ Purchase low-mercury bulbs.
- ✓ Protect bulbs from breakage.
- ✓ Recycle bulbs.

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Fuel Tanks

Used fuel tanks may present a risk of explosion or fire after being removed from motor vehicles. Most scrap metal recyclers will not accept whole tanks. Used fuel tanks will be accepted by most scrap metal recyclers if the tanks have been crushed, cut up or have holes in them.

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Glass

While dismantling vehicles, salvage operations often have waste glass from windshields or side windows. This glass is not regulated differently from other wastes; it can be discarded as nonhazardous solid waste at a landfill. But throwing the glass away costs you money and uses up valuable resources. A better option is to recycle the glass.

In Missouri there are presently few recyclers of automotive glass. To find recyclers in your area:

- Check the yellow pages of the phone directory.

- Contact your local solid waste or public works office.

- Ask your trade association.

- Check with other businesses in your area.

- Call your newspaper. In some areas, the newspaper publishes lists of recyclers.

If you store glass before recycling, store it apart from other recyclable materials. Keeping other materials from mixing with the glass makes recycling easier and may increase the price the recycler pays or reduce the price the recycler charges.

If you plan to dispose of automobile glass, contact your landfill and waste hauler to see if they have any special handling requirements.

You can also reduce the amount of waste glass by careful handling of glass windows to avoid breakage and by discounting the price of parts with small defects.

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Hazardous Wastes

Most vehicle salvage operations generate hazardous wastes. It is very important that you find out if your wastes are hazardous and that you follow the law when managing the wastes.

What is a Hazardous Waste?

A waste is a material you no longer use and will discard. It can be a solid, liquid or gas. Hazardous

Is Your Waste Hazardous?

To find out if your waste is hazardous, check to see if it is on the lists of hazardous wastes or if it is a hazardous waste in Missouri. If it is not, you need to find out if it exhibits one or more of the hazardous characteristics. Check the material safety data sheet (MSDS) or contact your supplier for information.

If you are unsure if your waste is hazardous, you will need to have it tested in a laboratory. Contact the department at 1-800-361-4827 for help with this.

Managing Hazardous Wastes

There are very specific requirements for managing hazardous waste from your business. The requirements you must meet depend on what and how much waste you generate. You need to know how much acute hazardous waste (P-listed) and non-acute hazardous waste you generate each month. You also need to know how much of each of these types of waste you accumulate at any one time.

Use the following information to determine your generator status. Then contact the Environmental Assistance Office or another professional environmental information source to learn the specific requirements for managing your waste.

What Type of Generator Are You?

There are three types of generators: large quantity generator (LQG), small quantity generator (SQG) and conditionally exempt small quantity generator (CESQG). You need to know how much hazardous waste you generate each month to determine your generator status.

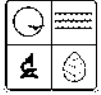


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Hoses and Gaskets

When you remove parts from vehicles, the hoses and gaskets are often not reusable. Hoses and gaskets may contain residues of fluids and may need special handling. Some of these items may also be recyclable.

Used hoses may still contain some liquid such as coolant. Some gaskets may also be very wet when removed from a vehicle. Liquids cannot legally go to a landfill. If your waste container has liquid in the bottom from items such as old hoses, the waste hauler may refuse to take it



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Lead-Acid Batteries

(In this document the term "battery" means lead-acid battery.)

should not be stored near combustibles, such as gasoline, and the storage area needs to be well ventilated. Precautions should be taken to contain spills. One way is to store batteries on or above a sealed concrete floor with a curb. Storage of batteries outdoors may require a storm water permit from the department.

If you are storing batteries, you should have written procedures for handling spills or leaking or cracked batteries. Spills should be neutralized with a material such as agricultural lime, baking soda or a commercial spill kit and be cleaned up immediately. Cracked or leaking batteries should be placed in a container impervious to acid, such as a five-gallon plastic bucket. Anyone handling the batteries or spilled material should wear protective clothing, gloves and eyewear. An eye wash sink or eye flush kit should be available. (Cracked or leaking batteries need to be handled as hazardous waste). See the *Hazardous Waste* guide sheet for more information.

Transporting Used Batteries

All used batteries need to meet Department of Transportation (DOT) requirements for transporting hazardous materials. Hazardous waste batteries must be transported using hazardous waste haulers.

(The part of the law dealing with lead-acid batteries is §260.260-260.266, *Revised Statutes of Missouri*.)

Remember

- Do not put batteries in the trash. Batteries must go to a recycling facility, a resource recovery facility or a permitted lead smelter. They cannot go to a landfill.
- Battery acid may be a hazardous waste.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Store batteries where they will not be damaged or frozen.
- ✓ Store batteries so that leaks will be caught and contained.
- ✓ Anchor batteries when transporting.
- ✓ Use long-life batteries.
- ✓ Inspect stored batteries regularly so you can find cracks or leaks before they become a problem.

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Mercury Switches

Many vehicles contain mercury switches. They are located in some light switches, ABS braking switches, ride control switches and air bag sensors. Liquid mercury and mercury vapor are hazardous to both humans and the environment. Removal and proper management of mercury switches in vehicles is an important part of keeping mercury out of the environment. Also, make sure the mercury containing device does not break when removed from the vehicle. Mercury containing devices that have broken need to be handled as hazardous waste. See the guide on *Hazardous Waste*.

Store the unbroken switches in a leak-proof, closed container in a manner that will prevent the capsule from breaking. Mark the container "Universal Waste-Mercury Switches," "Waste Mercury Switches" or "Used Mercury Switches." Mark the date the first switch is placed in the container. You have a year to send the switches off for recycling. A hazardous waste transporter will not be required in Missouri. Additional requirements will apply if you generate more than 11,000 pounds of universal waste at a time.

If you plan to send the mercury switches to an out-of-state company, contact the environmental agencies in the states through which the switches will travel for their state requirements. Other states may have additional transportation requirements.

If the mercury switch cannot be reused, many of the companies that handle fluorescent bulbs also handle other mercury containing items. We have a list of companies that can handle fluorescent bulbs. This list will usually note when the company also accepts other items. This

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Parts Washers

Various types of parts washers are available for removing dirt and lubricants. Most systems use either solvent or water-based cleaners. Depending on the cleaner used and the items being cleaned, the waste from parts washers may be hazardous.

Solvent Washers

Many people use solvents for cleaning parts. Some solvents evaporate readily and can cause air pollution problems. For this reason the use of certain solvents is restricted in some areas, such as St. Louis and Kansas City. Check with the local air pollution control office or the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for any special requirements for your solvents.

Some solvents used in parts washers are hazardous waste when disposed. If you don't know whether your used solvent is a hazardous waste, ask your supplier or manufacturer. The material safety data sheet (MSDS) may have this information. It will be your responsibility to make sure the solvent is handled properly and the paperwork is done correctly.

Even if the solvent is not hazardous waste, the used solvent can be due to contamination from the parts you clean. Your supplier may be able to provide information on typical contaminants, or you may need to have the waste solvent tested. See the *Hazardous Wastes* guide sheet for more information.

Some businesses use solvent-distillation units, often called stills. These remove contaminants to allow recycling of the solvent. If you recycle your hazardous waste solvent on-site you must notify the department of your activities. If you recycle more than 2,200 lbs. of hazardous waste in a month, you must get a resource recovery certification from the department. The sludge and still bottoms from these units may be hazardous waste.

Water-based Washers

Many water-based parts washers are available. Typically these are closed units which use very hot water and detergents with rust inhibitors. They work very much like home dishwashers. The units are often designed to filter oil and impurities from the water during operation.

If you have or are thinking of using this type of washer, you must still be concerned about hazardous waste issues. Contact the supplier to learn if the detergent is regulated as a hazardous waste. If you are unsure, contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources for more information. (MSou musesme ar[or youscarunab (MSV5(cobe) e aLTyp)4 TM frur)6.treg4-0.000fiTw[guik

You must notify the department by calling (573) 634-2436 as soon as possible within 24 hours of a suspected release from your UST or for spills greater than 25 gallons. Spills and overfills must be immediately contained and cleaned up.

If you plan to take your UST out of service temporarily or permanently, or if you want to use it for something besides petroleum products, contact the department for information on what you need to do.

Owners and operators of petroleum USTs must demonstrate financial responsibility for releases of products from the tanks. Several options are available for demonstrating financial responsibility. Missouri has a Petroleum Storage Tank Insurance Fund (PSTIF), which provides for cleanup of contamination from both AST and UST releases. Your tanks may be eligible for benefits from this fund. The PSTIF can be contacted at 1-800-765-2765.

Remember

- An underground storage tank larger than 110 gallons must be registered with the department even if it isn't being used.
- If you store large quantities of petroleum products or waste oil, you may need a spill prevention control and countermeasure (SPCC) plan.
- Spills must be reported to the department as soon as possible within 24 hours.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Prevent overfilling and spilling.
- ✓ Label tank contents to prevent mixing.
- ✓ Properly maintain tanks to prevent corrosion.
- ✓ Place tanks where leaks can be easily contained without entering the environment.
- ✓ Inspect tanks daily for leaks and spills.
- ✓ Maintain appropriate spill containment equipment and train employees on proper usage.
- ✓ Clean up spills as soon as possible.
- ✓ Close out unused or out-of-service USTs in accordance with department regulations.

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Plastic Waste

Many automobile parts are made of various plastic materials. Used plastic autobody parts can be discarded as nonhazardous solid waste and be sent to sanitary landfills. Reducing the volume of plastic sent to landfills will reduce your operating costs.

Store plastic waste separately from scrap metal. Keep the plastic in a covered storage area to help prevent the waste pile from becoming a mosquito breeding area. Plastic does not require special handling. It may be sent to a sanitary landfill or recycled.

Never burn plastic parts which have been removed from vehicles. A variety of plastics are used to make vehicle parts and many types give off harmful pollutants if burned. Even if you are allowed to burn residential waste in your area, you cannot burn waste from your business.

Remember

- Never burn plastic or any other waste from your business.
- Be sure your storage areas don't become breeding places for mosquitoes. Cover stored plastic or store it indoors.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Salvage undamaged plastic parts when possible.
- ✓ Sell parts with minor repairable defects at a discount.

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Radiators

Used radiators may contain materials such as lead, transmission fluid and antifreeze which are harmful to people and the environment. Metal radiators may have value as scrap metal. Radiators must be properly prepared before recycling them.

Before storing, recycling or disposing of radiators, carefully drain the liquid from the radiator. Be careful to avoid spills and to clean up any spills immediately.

Antifreeze and radiator sludge may have contaminants that cause them to be regulated as hazardous waste. Antifreeze from late-model cars or trucks (newer than about 1991) is not considered a hazardous waste in Missouri. However, antifreeze from heavy equipment or industrial sources may be regulated as a hazardous waste. See the *Antifreeze* guide sheet, for more information.

Sludge from radiators will very likely be hazardous waste. Be careful to manage this waste properly. See the *Hazardous Wastes* guide sheet for more information.

Keep radiators that have been prepared for recycling separate from those that have not been cleaned to avoid sending dirty radiators to the scrap metal recycler.

If you store scrap metal outside, you will need to be particularly careful. What looks like a storage pile to you may look like a dump to someone else. To avoid possible problems, be careful that other wastes are not mixed with scrap metal and set up a regular schedule for removal. Check on city and county ordinances that may have requirements for storing materials outside.

Remember

- If you have a scrap pile, be sure it doesn't become a "dump." Set up a schedule for collection and keep recyclable materials separate from other materials.
- Never pour antifreeze, sludge or any other waste onto the ground or into storm sewers.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Use dedicated drip pans and containers to collect fluids like antifreeze and transmission fluid.
- ✓ Never mix automotive fluids or allow them to spill onto the ground.

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Scrap Metal

Vehicle salvage operations deal with a variety of scrap metals. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources encourages recycling of scrap metal. Recycling scrap metal saves energy and landfill space, reduces air pollution, water use, mining waste and consumer waste. Also, recycling metal saves money and natural resources.

Some vehicle parts such as water pumps, alternators, master cylinders and carburetors may be sold to parts remanufacturers. Remanufacturing saves even more resources than recycling. Keep parts to be remanufactured separate from other scrap metal.

Some scrap metal recyclers will pay more for catalytic converters, so you may want to keep them separate from other scrap metal. Catalytic converters from the exhaust systems of newer automobiles contain platinum, a metal with a higher value than steel.

Scrap metal recyclers usually require the scrap metal to be sorted by type. Iron and steel should be separated from other types of metal such as aluminum, brass and copper. Keep lead, such as tractor wheel weights and wheel balancing weights, separate from other metals.

If you store scrap metals outside, you will need to be particularly careful. What looks like a storage pile to you may look like a dump to someone else. To avoid potential problems, be careful that other wastes are not mixed with scrap metal and set up a regular schedule for removal. Check on city and county ordinances that may have requirements for storing materials outside.

Pollution Prevention Options



Shop Towels

Discarded shop towels or rags, either cloth or paper, may be contaminated with hazardous wastes. If they are, the towels or rags may be hazardous waste.

Some materials at your facility may be hazardous waste. Listed hazardous wastes include solvents such as methyl ethyl ketone, toluene, xylene, and others. A waste can also be hazardous if it is toxic, ignitable, reactive or corrosive. This type of waste is called a characteristic hazardous waste. See the *Hazardous Waste* guide sheet for more information on what wastes are hazardous.

Any waste that is mixed with a listed hazardous waste becomes a hazardous waste. Towels with a listed hazardous waste on them become hazardous waste themselves when you discard them. The towels could also be characteristic hazardous waste, particularly if they are contaminated with metals like lead or chromium or if they can burst into flames.

The best way to deal with this issue is to prevent the problem. If you use nonhazardous cleaning solvents, the solvent won't cause the towel to become hazardous.

If used towels or rags are laundered and reused, they are not regulated as a solid waste or as a hazardous waste. You should tell your laundry what kind of chemicals are on the shop towels and make sure they can handle that type of material.

If you wash your own shop towels, be sure to check with your wastewater treatment plant to find out if they can accept the wastewater discharge you are putting down the drain. You may need to pretreat your wastewater. Do not launder contaminated shop towels if the wastewater does not go to a sewer system and treatment plant.

Do not launder towels or rags used to clean up spills of hazardous waste. If you use shop towels to clean up spills of listed hazardous waste, the shop towels are hazardous waste and must be disposed of at a permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage or disposal facility.

If you plan to throw away dirty shop towels or rags, you need to find out if they are hazardous waste. If the shop towels are hazardous, you must comply with the regulations for management, storage, transport and disposal of hazardous waste.

If your used towels are nonhazardous, you may send them to a sanitary landfill. Landfills cannot accept liquids, so be sure to collect and use any liquid from your shop towels. Remember that oily or solvent-soaked towels can catch fire easily. Store them safely. Some people spray the rags with water to prevent fires.

Remember

- Shop towels used to clean up spills of listed hazardous waste must be managed as hazardous waste.
- Shop towels contaminated with hazardous waste are hazardous waste.

- If dirty shop towels are laundered and reused, they are not waste. Let the laundry know what type of solvents or other material is on the dirty towels.
- Do not wash dirty shop towels unless the wastewater goes to a wastewater treatment plant. Check with staff at the treatment plant to be sure that it can handle the wastewater.
- If you are throwing away contaminated shop towels, you must find out if they are hazardous waste and follow the regulations that apply. See the *Hazardous Wastes* guide sheet for more information.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Use nonhazardous cleaners and solvents.
- ✓ Do not use shop towels to clean up spills of hazardous materials. Use drip pans to prevent spills and appropriate absorbents for cleanup.
- ✓ Use the least amount of solvent needed.
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Storm Water Permits

Storm water runoff is part of the natural water cycle. However, activities at vehicle salvage operations can add pollutants to rainwater and snowmelt. This polluted runoff, if not properly managed, can harm the environment, pollute creeks and lakes, and even contaminate drinking water.

The Federal Clean Water Act requires auto salvage operations to obtain a storm water discharge permit. In Missouri, the Department of Natural Resources issues Missouri State Operating Permits for storm water discharges.

You **must** apply for and obtain a Missouri State Operating Permit for storm water discharge if you own or operate vehicle salvage or recycling operations *unless*:

- You store 50 or fewer vehicles at any time *and* you do not process more than 50 vehicles per year.
- The storm water from your site discharges to a combined sewer system (storm sewers and sanitary sewers drain in a common pipe to a wastewater treatment plant). Your local public works office can tell if your area has combined sewers.
- Your facility meets "no-exposure" criteria and you have filed a no-exposure certification with the department.

Permits

General permits cover an entire industry and are issued statewide for a period of five years. It is up to the individual facility operator to apply for the permit and pay the annual permit fee.

Your business meets no-exposure requirements and has filed a no-exposure certification

- Contact the Department of Natural Resources' nearest regional office for permitting requirements and applications.
- Read your permit carefully to determine compliance and reporting requirements

Pollution Prevention Options

Pollution prevention can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Train employees on the use of best management practices
- ✓ Remove fluids (fuel, motor oil, transmission fluid, brake fluid, antifreeze, freon, etc.) before placing the vehicle in the yard, crushing, or shredding.
- ✓ When removing vehicle fluids, always use a drain pan, or pump or suction system to capture the fluids.
- ✓ Store fluids properly in clearly marked containers. Provide adequate secondary containment.
- ✓ Clean up spills promptly and thoroughly.
- ✓ Recycle fluids. Do not mix used oil, solvents, brake cleaner or antifreeze.
- ✓ Do not pour vehicle fluids into your septic system, sanitary sewer, on the ground or in the trash.
- ✓ Never use vehicle fluids for dust control.
- ✓ If you store oily parts outside, protect them from contact with rain or snow.
- ✓ Control erosion by re-vegetating bare soil areas as soon as possible
- ✓ Use interceptor dikes, swales or berms to direct storm water away from erosion prone sites.

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Used Oil Disposal and Recycling

Improper disposal of used oil can harm the environment and result in costly cleanup. In Missouri, there are certain things you must do and certain things you must not do when managing used oil from your business.

You cannot dispose of used oil at a landfill or with your regular trash. You cannot dispose of your used oil into the environment or create a public nuisance. You cannot use used oil for dust

You do not need to notify the department if you are burning used oil in this type of space heater. However, you must notify the department if you are collecting used oil from do-it-yourselfers or farmers. Contact the department for more information on collecting used oil from others.

If you are a small quantity or large quantity generator of hazardous waste, you cannot burn any mixture of used oil with hazardous waste in a used oil space heater. If you are a conditionally exempt generator of hazardous waste that is hazardous only because it is ignitable, you may mix it with your used oil for burning.

Before adding anything to your used oil, check with your used oil transporter or used oil space heater manufacturer. Make sure that the practice is acceptable and will not damage your space heater or release hazardous emissions into the environment.

Remember

- You cannot send used oil to the landfill or pour it out onto the ground.
- If you are not recycling your used oil, it is a hazardous waste.
- If someone else is hauling your used oil, they must have an EPA identification number and be registered with the department.
- You may burn your own used oil in a used-oil burner smaller than 500,000 BTU/hour that is properly vented.
- You may collect and burn used oil from do-it-yourselfers (DIY) or exempt farmers in your used-oil burner. Notify the department first.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Keep used oil separate from other wastes so it can be recycled or used to heat your shop areas.
- ✓ If you remove oil-laden parts, place them on a drip pan rather than on the floor or the ground.
- ✓ Do not use oil drip pans to collect antifreeze or solvents.

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Used Oil Filters

In the past, the majority of used oil filters were disposed of in landfills. Today, millions of filters are being recycled. Oil filters are usually made from paper, metal and rubber. Used oil filters have value because they can be burned for fuel and the metal components can be recycled. Businesses throughout the country are choosing to recycle, rather than meet minimum standards for filter disposal.

After the filter has been removed from the vehicle, you must remove residual oil before disposal or recycling. You can remove used oil from filters by:

- puncturing the filter anti-drain back valve or dome end and hot-draining,

- hot draining and crushing,

- dismantling and hot-draining, or

- any other hot-draining method that will remove us filtra0 Twr Tf 1 .8634585 TD0.0011 Tc-0.0004 TwToher h

Remember

- Used oil filters must be properly drained before they can be recycled or sent to the landfill.
- Used oil drained from filters must be collected and managed properly. See the *Used Oil Disposal and Recycling* and the *Used Oil Storage* guide sheets for more information.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ When removing the oil filter, use a drip pan under the vehicle to catch oil spills.
- ✓ When draining filters, carefully collect the oil to avoid spills.
- ✓ To prevent spills, put filters on a tray or in a container before moving them.
- ✓ Store filters in a container large enough to hold any used oil that might seep from the filters. Some shops use oil filter-draining containers on wheels for clean, easy transporting.
- ✓ Empty the mobile containers into the used oil storage container routinely to avoid an overflow.
- ✓ Recycle used oil filters through a scrap metal or used oil filter recycler.

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Used Oil Storage

Improper storage of used oil can increase the risk of spills and leaks that could harm the environment. Spills can also be expensive to clean up. In Missouri, there are some legal requirements for storing used oil from your business.

If you store used oil, you must:

- Label or mark the storage container(s) with the words "Used Oil."

- Keep containers in good condition.

Remember

- Label or mark storage containers and keep them in good condition.
- Inspect storage areas regularly. Fix leaks immediately or move the oil to another container.
- If containers are exposed to rain, keep them closed except when adding or removing used oil.
- Check with local authorities to learn if there are local requirements.
- Oil spills must be reported to the department by calling (573) 634-2436.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Keep used oil separate from other wastes.
- ✓ Have separate storage containers for antifreeze, solvents or other fluids that could accidentally be mixed with used oil.
- ✓ Use large drum funnels or fill tubes when filling used oil drums. Store funnels on a drip pan to collect dripping oil.
- ✓ Clean spills on a floor with a rag or mop that can be wrung-out and reused. A biodegradable soap and water solution may be used to clean up oil sheens.

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Waste Tires

Tires that are too damaged or worn to use as vehicle tires are waste tires. Since 1990, the storage, hauling and disposal of waste tires has been regulated under Missouri's Solid Waste Management Law.

Storage

Waste tires must be stored in a way that does not cause pollution, health or nuisance problems. Since tires can collect water and create breeding grounds for mosquitoes, you should protect your storage area from rainwater or provide some other way to control mosquitoes. Tires may also pose a fire hazard, so they should always be stored away from ignition sources.

Tires intended for resale or retreading are not regulated as waste tires provided they have more than 2/32 inch of tread. Store them separately from waste tires. Many salvage vehicles have tires suitable for resale.

If you store 25 to 499 tires you are a waste tire collection center and must meet certain requirements. Anyone who stores 500 or more tires must have a permit from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as a waste tire site. See the *Waste Tire Storage* guide sheet for more information.

Hauling

If you pay someone to haul away your waste tires, that person needs a permit from the department. However you or other employees from your business do not need a permit to haul tires generated from your business. The tires may be hauled to a tire processor, site or end user. They may be hauled to a landfill if they are cut, chipped or shredded.

A tire hauler's permit is good for one year and only applies to the person or business to which it is issued. Check the expiration date and name on the permit to be sure it is valid. To get the list of permitted waste tire haulers or check the permit status of a hauler who picks up your tires, contact the department at 1-800-361-4827 or check the Solid Waste Management Program Web site.

Record Keeping

You must keep a record of how many tires are taken in and removed from your facility each month. Include the name of the hauler and the date the tires were removed. You may contact the department to get a recordkeeping form.

Disposal

Never burn tires in Missouri. Even in areas where home waste burning is allowed, burning tires is prohibited.

You cannot dispose of tires in a landfill unless the tire is cut up in at least 3 pieces of about equal size or in half circumferentially (forming two circles). Special equipment is usually needed



Waste Tire Storage

In Missouri, the law requires anyone dealing with waste tires to follow certain rules. The *Waste Tires* guide sheet has general information about managing waste tires in Missouri. This guide sheet summarizes the requirements that you must meet if you have 25 to 499 tires. If you store 500 or more tires, you must have a permit from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources as a waste tire site.

Anyone storing 25 to 499 tires in Missouri is considered to be operating a waste tire collection center and must meet the following requirements.

Storage

Waste tires must be stored in a way that does not cause pollution, health or nuisance problems. You must also comply with the following:

Fire protection. You must meet local or national fire protection standards for storage of rubber tires. Contact your local fire department for information on what those requirements are. If your local fire department does not have standards for storage, follow the national standards.

Location. You cannot store your tires in a wetland, sinkhole or floodplain.

Vector control. You must store tires in a way that is unfavorable for the harboring, feeding and breeding of vectors. In other words, you must store waste tires so that mosquitoes, rats and other insects or animals do not cause a problem. To do this you must do one of the following:

1. Drain any water out of the tires or store them indoors or under cover, OR
2. Cut or alter the tires so they cannot hold water, OR
3. Treat the tires with mosquito pesticides, OR
4. Get approval from the department for any other method of control that you wish to use before you begin using the method.

Record Keeping

If you operate a waste tire collection center, you must keep certain information. You must use official record keeping forms available from the department. The information you will need to put on the form includes how many tires you get in and send out each month, where the tires go, who hauled the tires and what you do to control vectors.

To get a copy of the official form, contact the department. You may photocopy the form. Keep your records for at least three years.

Processing

Anyone who processes waste tires for a fee must have a waste tire processing permit from the department if more than 25 tires are on-site at any time. Processing includes shredding, cutting, chipping or otherwise altering. You do not need a permit if you or other employees from your business are processing tires generated by your vehicle maintenance business.

Disposal

Never burn tires in any part of Missouri. Even in areas where home waste burning is allowed, burning tires at home is prohibited. Businesses may not burn any type of waste for disposal.

You cannot dispose of tires in a landfill unless the tire is cut up into three or more pieces or in half circumferentially (cut into two circles). Special equipment is usually needed to cut tires for disposal.

NOTE: The legal requirements for waste tires can be found in 260.270-276, *Revised Statutes of Missouri* and in 10 CSR 80, Chapter 8 of the *Code of State Regulations*.

Remember

- Anyone storing 25 to 499 tires is a waste tire collection center and **MUST** meet the requirements under the law.
- Do not burn or bury waste tires.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution instead of treating or disposing of it can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Separate serviceable used tires and retreadable used tires from waste tires.
- ✓ Be cautious when using pesticides. Follow label directions exactly and use only the amounts needed.

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Wastewater

Vehicle salvage businesses generate wastewater during daily operations. Sources of wastewater include hot tank solutions and water-based parts washers. This wastewater may contain metals that can cause them to be hazardous, or they may be corrosive hazardous wastes. They may also contain oils, greases, solvents and detergents.

Most communities provide sewer collection and wastewater treatment facilities. If your business is connected to a sewer and treatment plant, contact them to explain the materials you wish to dispose of in the sewer system.

You may need to pretreat the wastewater in some way before putting it in the sewer. For example, an oil/water separator or treatment for a particular contaminant may be required. By pretreating your wastewater, you help assure the community's sewer and treatment system continues working for everyone.

In areas where a wastewater treatment facility is not available or cannot take your water, you must carefully manage the wastewater from your shop. If the wastewater is hazardous, you must manage it by sending it to a permitted hazardous waste facility. See the *Hazardous Wastes* guide sheet for more information.

If your wastewater is not hazardous, you can haul it to an approved wastewater treatment plant if the plant is willing to accept it. Also, if the wastewater is not hazardous, you may be able to treat it yourself. This will probably require a permit from the department to assure that the treatment process you want to use will properly treat your wastewater.

If you cannot connect your shop to a wastewater treatment plant, you may be able to discharge domestic wastewater (water from restroom or kitchen facilities) to a septic system. On-site septic systems that treat domestic wastewater are regulated by county health departments. You will still need to collect any industrial wastewater (water from parts washers, floor cleaning, etc.) and manage it as described above. Do not put your industrial wastewater down the drain unless you are connected to a sewer and treatment plant and have permission from the plant.

Management practices that reduce, reuse and recycle the wastewater can greatly reduce your disposal costs. They will also help protect sewer systems and treatment plants. See the pollution prevention section that follows for some ideas.

Remember

- If your shop is connected to a sewer system and treatment plant, contact the treatment plant to find out if you can put your wastewater down the drain. You may need to pretreat your wastewater before it goes to the treatment facility.
- If your shop is not connected to a sewer system and treatment plant, you can get a permit from the department to treat the wastewater yourself, OR

- Collect the industrial wastewater and determine if it is hazardous waste. If it is hazardous waste, send it to a permitted hazardous waste facility. If it is not, you can haul it to an approved wastewater treatment plant if the plant agrees to accept it.
- Do not send wastewater from your shop (except restroom or kitchen waste) to a septic system.
- Never let untreated wastewater from your shop go outside onto the ground, down a storm drain or into a body of water.

Pollution Prevention Options

Preventing pollution can save money, protect the environment and reduce risk to people. Here are some suggestions:

- ✓ Collect and recycle petroleum-based fluids such as used oil, transmission fluid and brake fluid.
- ✓ Collect and recycle coolants from radiators.
- ✓ Reuse dirty rinse water as make-up water in a hot tank or jet spray washer to pre-rinse parts.
- ✓ Use drip pans to catch leaks before they hit the floor.
- ✓ Use absorbents to clean up minor fluid leaks and spills.
- ✓ Sweep floors before washing them.
- ✓ Accumulate all sludges in a closed, marked container. Determine if they are hazardous waste and dispose of properly.

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