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**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
AND SAFETY**

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FACT SHEET
Used Oil and Filter Disposal

Used Oil

- For Facilities: Create a segregated storage area or container. Label the container "Used Oil Only". Maintain a written log to document all amounts and types of oil added to the container. No solvents, or oil contaminated with solvents, PCBs or any other material should be added to the container. Limit access to the container so that there is no chance that anything but used oil is added to the container. When the container is full, arrange transportation to the Grounds Department, with permission of the Grounds Supervisor, empty container into the large used oil container.

- For Laboratories: Collect used oil in closed containers with secondary containment. Label the containers "Used Oil". When the container is full, tag it with a chemical collection tag and notify Environmental Health and Safety (EHS). Requests for pick-ups can be submitted on-line at: Chemical Waste Pick-up Request

Used Oil Filters

Used oil filters can contain up to 12-16 ounces of oil when they are removed. Therefore, all oil filters must be punctured on the dome end and hot drained for 24 hours. "Hot drained" means that the filters are drained immediately after being taken off a hot engine. Crushing or dismantling the filters will remove even more of the oil. Filters that are drained and/or crushed, and are "non terne-plated" may be disposed in the regular garbage.

Contact the oil filter manufacturer to ensure that the filters are "non terne-plated," and make a record of the conversation. It is strongly recommended that the used filters be recycled. Contact EHS at (402) 559-6356 if you would like more information on recycling oil filters.

Used Fuel Filters

Used fuel filters may exhibit the characteristic of ignitability or toxicity. All used fuel filters should be collected in a closed container labeled "Used fuel filters". When the container is full, fill out a chemical collection and contact EHS for disposal.