

BATTERY REPLACEMENT



Old batteries that are not properly disposed can leak lead dross, zinc, copper and spent sulfuric acid. All of these are detrimental to aquatic life should these hazardous wastes reach our river.

Here are some ideas for disposing of them:

- ◇ Most retailers will accept old batteries as a trade-in towards the new battery.
- ◇ Rockingham County has a "Household Hazardous Waste Collection" in the spring and fall that usually accepts vehicle batteries at those times.

TIRE REPLACEMENT



Scrap tires are not only unsightly, but can be breeding grounds for mosquitoes and litter the banks of our rivers and streams.

Here are some ideas for disposing of them:

- ◇ Most retailers will accept old tires as a trade-in towards new ones.
- ◇ Rockingham County accepts tires (no rims, please) for a small fee.



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SIMPLE THINGS YOU CAN DO TO CLEAN UP OUR NORTH RIVER AND THE CHESAPEAKE BAY

WASHING YOUR CAR



- ◇ Wash your car where suds cannot drain into storm drains, drainage ditches or streams.
- ◇ Use bio-degradable, eco-friendly car wash detergents.
- ◇ Use detergents sparingly.
- ◇ Take your car to the carwash where the dirty water is treated before it gets to our water.

VEHICLE CARE AND MAINTENANCE



- ◇ Vehicle maintenance and repair activities should be done in an indoor garage or vehicle maintenance area whenever possible.
- ◇ For maintenance work being done outdoors, always use a tarp, ground cloth, sheet of plywood, cardboard or newspaper under the vehicle to capture any leaks or spills.
- ◇ Work on a flat surface where you can easily clean up accidental spills.
- ◇ Never work on a vehicle in the street or near a stormwater drain or drainage ditch or anywhere that contaminants could come into contact with rain or stormwater runoff.
- ◇ Always use a funnel when pouring liquid products or wastes to avoid spills.

- ◇ Use a drip pan under a vehicle when unclipping hoses, unscrewing filters and removing other parts that might leak.
- ◇ Capture vehicle fluids in separate drip pans or containers. Do not mix fluids in the same container as this limits the ability to recycle them. Do not put containers of any kind of used oil in household trash.
- ◇ Immediately clean up vehicle fluid spills with rags or other absorbent materials such as kitty litter, saw dust or oil absorbent.
- ◇ Collect used oil, antifreeze and other vehicle fluids in separate containers with tight fitting lids and recycle. Local business that recycle used oil include Davis Automotive, Bridgewater Car Care and Rockingham County Landfill.
- ◇ Sweep up any used kitty litter, sawdust or oil absorbent used to clean up a fluid spill and dispose of in trash.
- ◇ Never pour liquid vehicle wastes to floor drains, sinks or into any other sanitary sewer connection: do not dispose of liquid wastes to a stormwater drain or drainage ditch.
- ◇ Fix vehicle leaks as soon as possible. In the meantime, use a drip pan or absorbent material underneath leaking vehicles and equipment.



Whats that spot? Identifying common engine fluids on the ground.

Here are six fluids that are likely to end up on your driveway, and how to recognize them.

Light Brown to Black	Reddish and Thin or Brown and Thick:	Reddish or Light Brown and Thin:	Clear to Brown and Slick	Yellow, Green, or Pink and Slimy.	Clear, Thin:
Engine Oil	Transmission Fluid	Power Steering Fluid	Brake Fluid	Coolant	Water