

DON'TS

1. Don't - Pour engine oil, or other oil based products down the drain. Used oil can cause blockages in the sewer network and can complicate the treatment processes at the wastewater treatment plant. Used oil is a hazard to the environment and to maintenance crews working in the sewers.
2. Don't - Inappropriately dispose of your oil by burying it in your backyard as it can contaminate underground water sources.
3. Don't - Store used oil in containers that once contained chemicals, paint, or other vehicle fluids as they contain residues that might contaminate the oil
4. Don't - Leave the used oil lying in the garage or storage room for a long period of time. This is a dangerous fire hazard and increases the risk of an oil leak.
5. Don't - Change oil in a rush. This increases the chances of an accidental spill.

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Recycle your used oil



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OIL POLLUTION

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For Enquiries:

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Bulk Water & Waste Water Division

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Illegal Oil Dumping Complaints: +264 - 61 - 290 2903
Advice on used Oil Management: +264 - 61 - 290 3367

ARE YOU A “DO-IT YOURSELF” OIL GENERATOR?

If you are one of the many people who change their own motor oil or handles oil and oil based products religiously, you are a “Generator” and you need to know how to properly manage your used oil. After all, used oil from one oil change can contaminate one million liters of fresh water! — That’s a years’ supply of drinking water for 50 people!

A Generator is any person or institution that produces or stores used oil. The Ministry of Environment and Tourism stipulates that a generator may not store or possess used oil in excess of 20 liters for a continuous period exceeding 30 days without a permit. This permit can be obtained from the Ministry of Mines and Energy.

WHY IS USED OIL BAD?

- Used motor oil is insoluble, persistent, and can contain toxic chemicals and heavy metals.
- It’s slow to degrade.
- It sticks to everything from sand to bird feathers.
- It’s a major source of oil contamination of waterways and can result in pollution of drinking water sources.
- Fats, Oils and greases hardens when it reaches the sewer system and builds up on the inside of pipes. This causes blockages of the sewer pipes which is time consuming and expensive to clear.
- Used oil interferes with the processes that take place at a wastewater treatment facility and can cause operational breakdowns.

WHAT IS THE CITY OF WINDHOEK DOING TO HELP?

The City has established 4 fully fledged Used Oil Collection Points around Windhoek such as the:

- Menarovandu Industrial Stalls,
- Khomasdal Industrial Stalls,
- Katutura Industrial Stalls and the
- Bulk and Wastewater Offices in Windhoek north.

Generators can take their used oil at these collection points where it will be collected for processing and re-refining.

The City is in the process of formalising an operational framework detailing a formal system of the collection, transport and recycling program. This will allow the oil to be traced from the area of generation to the disposal sites.



USED OIL DO'S AND DON'TS

DO'S

1. Do – Take your used oil to a used oil collection point where you will be issued with an invoice
2. Do – Wear Protective gloves when handling used oil
3. Do – Change your oil in a well-ventilated area.
4. Do – Pour your used oil into a clean container with a secure screw lid
5. Do – Take your oil to your nearest used oil recycling facility as soon as possible
6. Do – Call City of Windhoek Pollution Control Section at (+264) 61 290 3367 or (+264) 61 290 3418 if you have any questions about your used oil or the Used Oil Collection Operational Framework.
7. Do – Go to the City of Windhoek website at www.windhoekcc.org.na for more information about the Used Oil Collection Initiative.

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**1 LITRE OF OIL
CONTAMINATES**

**1 MILLION LITRES
OF DRINKING WATER**