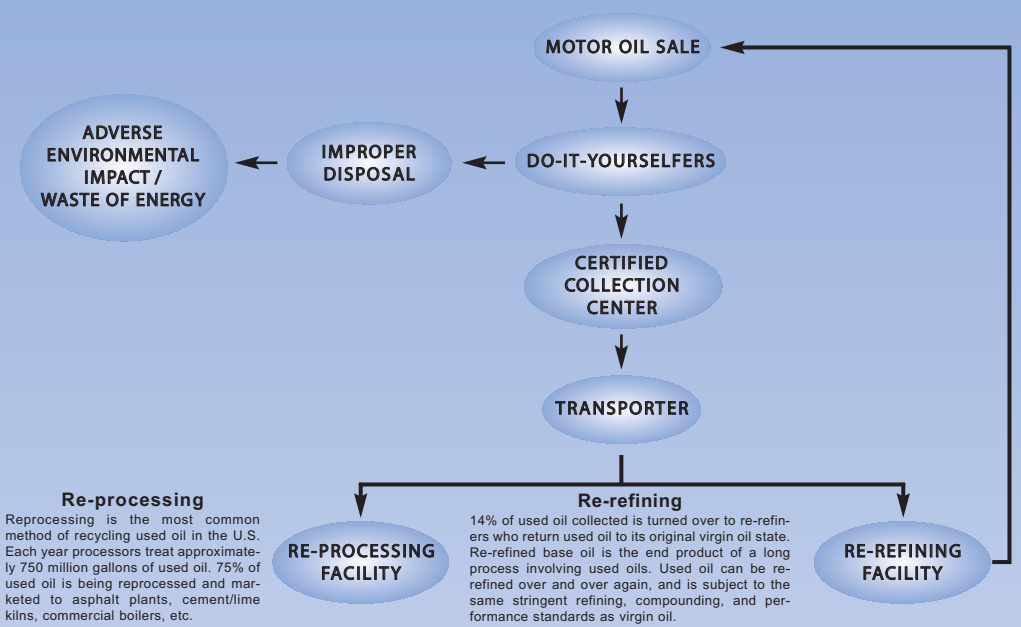


## Used Oil Collection and Recycling Process



### For More Information . . .

Visit our website at <http://www.lacity.org/SAN/index.htm>  
 or call 1-800-98-TOXIC or 1-888-CLEAN LA TTY: (213) 473-5664

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## USED OIL AND USED OIL FILTER

Recycle Your Used Oil and Used Oil Filters Free of Charge!

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## Why Should You Recycle Your Used Oil?

**R**ecycling the motor oil from your car, truck, motorcycle, boat, RV or lawnmower is one way you can demonstrate your commitment to protect the environment for future generations while conserving energy resources.



## Did You Know . . . ?

By recycling your used motor oil you keep it out of rivers, lakes, streams, oceans and your ground water. That means keeping it out of our drinking water, off our beaches, and away from wildlife.

- ✔ The oil from a single oil change (1 gallon) can ruin the taste of a million gallons of drinking water (1 part per million), the supply of 50 people for one year.
- ✔ One pint of oil can produce a slick of approximately one acre on the surface of water.

Two gallons of used motor oil can provide enough electricity to run the average household for about a day, or . . .

- ✔ Cook 48 meals in a microwave oven
- ✔ Blow dry your hair 216 times
- ✔ Vacuum your house for 15 months
- ✔ Watch television for 180 hours

If you are one of the millions of do-it-yourselfers who drops off your oil at a collection center, you are saving a valuable energy resource - you are conserving energy for future generations.

## What Can *YOU* Do?

**I**f you change your own oil be certain that you dispose of it properly by taking it to any of the **Certified Collection Centers** in the City of Los Angeles. Call **1-800-98-TOXIC** or **1-888-CLEAN LA** or visit our website at <http://www.lacity.org/san/index.htm> to get the nearest Certified Collection Center for Used Oil and Used Oil Filters.

## What About Used Oil Filters?

**U**sed oil filters may contain hazardous material such as lead, other heavy metals and oil-based compounds. Used oil filters must be managed as hazardous waste.

## Did You Know . . . ?

- ✔ Recycling 1 ton of used oil filters recovers 1,700 pounds of steel and up to 60 gallons of used oil.
- ✔ More than 50 million oil filters are sold in California each year.
- ✔ More than 20 million oil filters are purchased by do-it-yourselfers in California annually.



## What Can *YOU* Do?

**T**here are many **Certified Collection Centers** in the City of Los Angeles that accept used oil filters free of charge.

## What Happens to the Used Motor Oil After You Drop It Off at a Certified Center?

**Y**our used motor oil at the certified centers is transported to recycling facilities where it can be:

**re-refined** into lubricating oils that meet the same specifications as virgin motor oil; or **reprocessed** into fuel that can be used in furnaces for heat, or in power plants to generate electricity for homes, schools and businesses (please see diagram in the back of this page).