

Oil Collection and Hazardous Material Sites

The release of used motor oil can have adverse effects on the environment. Just one gallon of used oil can make a million gallons of fresh water undrinkable. When used oil is poured down the drain and enters a sewage treatment plant, a very small concentration of oil can foul the treatment processes. A film of oil on a water surface prevents oxygen from entering the water and blocks sunlight. This makes it difficult for plants to grow, thus reducing the animal and plant life in a body of water. Water, air and soil are all connected, and oil can make its way to these media.

Because of these risks, proper management of used oil is a major environmental concern. Illinois state law banned liquid used motor oil from landfills as of July 1, 1996. The ban does not include oil filters, absorbents used to clean up oil spills, or containers which previously contained used oil.

[Long term collection sites](#) are located in Naperville, Rockford, Chicago, and Lake County. These locations are open to provide area residents with ongoing locations to take their household hazardous waste. Check with these sites to see if used oil is collected and transported to permitted facilities to be used as an alternative fuel source. In addition, many service stations and retail outlets in Illinois are accepting used motor oil for reuse and recycling.

Long-Term Collection Facilities

Naperville [156 Fort Hill Drive](#) (*immediately north of Naperville Public Works at 180 Fort Hill Drive*)
(630) 420 - 6095
Sat: 9 am - 2 pm
Sun: 9 am - 2 pm
[For Information](#)

City of Chicago [1150 N. North Branch on Goose Island](#)
(312) 744-7672
Tues: 7 am - noon
Thursday: 2 pm - 7 pm
First Saturday of each month: 8 am - 3 pm
[For Information](#)

Rockford [3333 Kishwaukee](#)
Rock River Reclamation District
(815) 987-5570
Sat: 8 am - 4 pm
Sun: Noon - 4 pm
[For Information](#)

Lake County The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) currently operates a long-term household chemical waste collection program. Information and a collection schedule can be found on the [SWALCO](#) Web site, or by calling 847-336-9340.

For questions concerning the IEPA's one-day or long-term collections, please call the Waste Reduction Unit at 217-524-3300.