

Fact Sheet 7

AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS



A program of Des Moines County Regional Solid Waste Commission and Great River Regional Waste Authority.

The typical garage houses a variety of products used in automotive care. Gasoline, anti-freeze, and various other fluids are necessary and useful products, but they can become a hazard to animals, people and the environment if disposed of improperly.

MANAGING AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

- Buy only the amount of product you'll be able to use;
- Store products in their original containers;
- Never mix materials such as fuel additives, solvents or antifreeze with motor oil. It will render the oil non-recyclable.
- Never discard automotive products on the ground or in a septic system;
- Use up the product whenever possible, or give it to a friend or neighbor who can use it.



DISPOSAL OF AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

- Motor Oil - See our Fact Sheet 4 for a list of businesses that accept used motor oil for recycling.
- Gasoline - Old gasoline can be reused by following these steps:
 - Filter gasoline through a coffee filter or similar filter;
 - Mix with new gasoline at a ratio of one part old gasoline and five parts new gasoline;
 - Make sure gasoline is in a labeled container (never use a food or beverage container to store gasoline).

If these steps aren't feasible, bring the old gasoline to the HazChem Center (see other side for directions).

- Gasoline/oil or gasoline - bring to the HazChem Center
 - Other - Bring the following products to the HazChem Center:
 - Antifreeze
 - Auto starter fluid
 - Brake fluid
 - Carburetor cleaner
 - Transmission fluid
 - Windshield washer fluid

