



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

HAZARDOUS MATERIAL FACT SHEET

Used Oil and Filter Disposal

EPA management standards are designed to ensure the safe handling of used oil, maximize recycling, and minimize disposal.

Used oil includes:

- Motor and crankcase oil
- Hydraulic fluid
- Fuel oil (No.5, No.6)
- Transmission and gearbox oil
- Transformer and breaker oil
- Diesel fuel

Used Oil Disposal Procedure:

- For Facilities: Label all containers “Used Oil” and keep used oil containers closed except when adding to the container. Maintain a written log to document all amounts and types of oil added to the container. Do not add solvents or oil contaminated with solvents, water, or PCBs to the used oil container. Keep used oil storage containers secured to prevent unauthorized dumping. When the container is full, contact Environmental Health and Safety (EHS) for disposal at unmc.edu/ehs/pickups
- For Grounds: Label the intermediate bulk container (IBC) located east of the grounds building in Lot 17 as “Used Oil.” Maintain a written log to document all amounts and types of oil added to the container. Do not add solvents or oil contaminated with solvents, water, or PCBs to the used oil container. Keep used oil storage container closed and secured to prevent unauthorized dumping. EHS will monitor the container and dispose of it when it is full or within one year of the first oil being added, whichever comes first.
- For Laboratories: Collect used oil in closed containers with secondary containment. Label the containers “Used Oil.” When the container is full, tag it with a chemical collection tag and notify EHS at unmc.edu/ehs/pickups

Used Oil Filters

Used oil filters can contain up to 12-16 ounces of oil when they are removed. Therefore, all oil filters must be punctured on the dome end and hot drained. Filters that are drained and made of steel can then be recycled in the metal recycling dumpster located behind Shackelford Hall or to the East of the grounds building in Lot 17.

Used Fuel Filters

Used fuel filters may exhibit the characteristic of ignitability or toxicity. All used fuel filters should be collected in a closed container labeled “Used fuel filters.” When the container is full, tag it with a chemical collection tag and notify EHS at unmc.edu/ehs/pickups