

Stormwater tip – September 2016

Used motor oil is polluting our water and soil every day. Whether thru engine leaks or purposeful dumping into storm drains, used motor oil is making its way into our waterways. Used motor oil contains numerous toxic substances, known carcinogens, and tiny pieces of metal from engine wear and tear. These metals include lead, zinc and arsenic. According to the US Environmental Protection Agency, 1 gallon of used motor oil can contaminate 1 million gallons of fresh water.

So keep your vehicles in good repair to minimize oil leaks and report anyone you see disposing of used motor oil in the Borough's stormsewer system. Used motor oil should be taken to a recycling center with used-oil disposal stations or auto repair facilities.