



Recycle Used Motor Oil

Did you know that used motor oil never wears out? It just gets dirty and can be recycled, cleaned and used again. Recycling used motor oil conserves a natural resource and is good for the environment. Motor oil poured onto the ground or into storm drains, or tossed into trash cans (even in a sealed container), can contaminate and pollute the soil, groundwater, streams and rivers. Also, it's illegal.

If you change your own oil in your vehicles, you cannot dispose of it in the trash or down the drain. It must be recycled. When you take your used oil to a certified center for recycling, you are protecting the environment and conserving a valuable resource. That's a winning combination.

In Paramount, you can drop off your used oil and filters at two convenient Certified Collection Centers. (It's a good idea to call before taking oil and filters to the listed centers.)

Kragen Auto Parts 15725 Downey Avenue (562) 272-1433	Texaco XPress Lube 8627 Rosecrans Avenue (562) 790-8525
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You can also have your used oil and filters picked up from your home by calling 1-800-HHW-PKUP. This service is free.

Here are some tips for recycling your used motor oil:

- Contaminated oil is not accepted.
- Carry oil in clean, non-breakable containers – not metal.
- Do not mix oil with bleach, paint, solvents or automotive fluids.
- Maximum container size is 5 gallons.
- Maximum drop-off is 20 gallons per day.

For more information on this or other recycling issues, please call 1-888-CLEAN-LA. This information was funded by a grant from the California Integrated Waste Management Board.



Upcoming Meetings

For more information about Council & Commission meetings, please call (562) 220-2225.

10/5/10 - 7:00 PM
City Council

10/6/10 - 6:00 PM
Parks & Rec. Commission

10/7/10 - 6:00 PM
Public Works Commission

Recycle Your "E-Waste" for Free

CalMet Services, Paramount's waste hauler, provides free curbside pick-up service for all unwanted electronic waste (items such as computers, televisions, microwaves, cell phones, telephones, stereos, typewriters, fax machines, and PDAs) that by law must be recycled. This service is available to homes, apartments and mobile home parks. Simply contact CalMet at (562) 634-5420 to schedule a pick-up at your residence or to ask any questions about the program.

Be sure to call at least one business day prior to your regular trash day to schedule a pick-up. Then, on trash day, place the e-waste at your curbside to be hauled away.



Call for a Large-Item Pickup

In Paramount it is illegal to dump anything in alleys, streets, sidewalks or any public right-of-way. Property owners might even be liable for a fine for such dumped items.

But if you have oversized things like furniture or appliances that won't fit in a regular trash container, Cal-Met will pick them up for free from residential customers. And it works just like the e-waste pick-up program. Call (562) 259-1239, extension 244, the day before your normal trash pick-up and tell them you have bulky items to be collected. Then simply place them out with your trash. Keep in mind that things like lumber, concrete, auto parts, and toxins such as paint and used motor oil cannot be removed in this way.

Cost: Free (for residences); \$15 (for commercial accounts).

