

Frequently Asked Questions About Used Oil Filter Recycling

- Q. Who is regulated under the new oil filter landfill ban?
- A. Everyone is required to recycle their used oil filters regardless of whether they are a do-it-yourselfer or a business.
- Q. If I crush my used oil filters can they then be put in the trash?
- A. NO! All used oil filters must be recycled regardless of whether they are crushed, punched, drained, etc.
- Q. I am a private citizen. Where can I recycle used oil filters?
- A. Individuals may be able to drop the used filters off at a solid waste convenience center IF a receptacle is provided there, but it is best to call ahead and ask first. Many county and city governments provide drop-off areas. You can find a listing at this link:
<http://p2pays.org/localgov/ncwaste.html>
- Q. My local government does not provide a drop-off for used filters. What can I do to recycle them?
- A. Check the Web site: www.earth911.org for a business near you that recycles oil filters. Some big-box stores and quick oil changers will take the filters.
- Q. I have an auto shop. What can I do with my filters?
- A. Most used motor oil recyclers will also pick up the filters too, but there is usually a per-drum charge for the service. You can find a list of recycling companies at this link:
<http://www.p2pays.org/dmrm/start.aspx?id=171>.
- Q. How should I prepare used oil filters for recycling?
- A. The easiest way to recycle oil filters is to hot drain them and put them in a 55-gallon lidded drum and have the drum hauled away by a filter recycler. However, there is an associated hauling fee.
- Q. What is the BEST way to recycle the oil filters?
- A. If you have an auto shop it may be a good idea, depending on how many filters you generate, to purchase an oil filter crusher. The crusher will extract the remaining oil from the filters. The oil can be

sold to a used oil recycler and the metal scrap from the filters can be sold to scrap metal dealers. You can find a scrap metal dealer at this link: <http://www.p2pays.org/dmrm/start.aspx> under "Steel-Scrap Metal." Also check your local directory for scrap metal dealers.

- Q. How much does it cost to recycle oil filters if I use a commercial hauler?
- A. The price ranges from \$35 - \$80 per drum. Keep in mind that if you crush the filters you can get many more filters in the drum and save money on hauling fees since they are charged for by the drum.