



REQUIREMENTS FOR AUTOMOBILE REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Automobile repair and maintenance activities have the potential to contribute pollutants directly to storm drain systems primarily through spills or the dumping of waste fluids. Automotive fluids, such as oils, greases, and solvents, are hydrocarbon-based and may contain metals, chlorinated hydrocarbons, and other toxic compounds. Removal of caked dirt and grime from a vehicle increases the sediment load to the storm drain system. The pollution prevention activities outlined in this fact sheet should be used to prevent the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system.



Think before conducting automobile repair and maintenance activities. Remember: *The ocean starts at YOUR front door.*

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES

- Recycle used oil and antifreeze by taking them to a used oil collection center. Never pour oil in storm drains or other areas. Visit the [City of Mission Viejo's website](#) for a list of certified collection centers that will take this waste for free.
- Do not perform repair and maintenance activities during rain events.
- Immediately clean up and contain any spills. Dispose of all waste and adsorbent materials properly.
- Store hazardous materials and wastes (including, but not limited to, fluids, solvents, parts containing fluids, and batteries) indoors, under cover, or in watertight containers.
- Perform automobile maintenance and repairs over impervious surfaces (such as concrete) so spills and waste material can be readily cleaned up. Use drip pans, plastic sheeting, etc., to contain spills and waste material.
- Dispose of cleaning solvents at a designated hazardous waste collection center.



RECOMMENDED ACTIVITIES

- Conduct vehicle repair activities at a commercial repair facility.
- Perform vehicle repair and maintenance activities under a covered area.
- Do not buy fluids containing target pollutants (e.g., degreasers containing PERC).
- Monitor parked or stored vehicles and equipment for leaks, and place pans under leaks to collect fluids for proper disposal or recycling.

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