

Oil, Oil Filters, and Anti-freeze

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For a number of years the Transfer Station has been accepting used oil, old oil filters, and used anti-freeze for recycling. There is no charge to bring these materials to the facility. And, it is very easy for people to dispose of these materials there.

The 2008 session of the Iowa Legislature did strengthen the requirements to recycle these materials. It requires that any business selling these materials must either take back used product or supply customers with a local place/address where the materials can be taken.

Also, businesses, schools, etc. are not allowed to put such items as used oil filters into the trash. Such entities must recycle. These requirements are now in Iowa Code 455D.13. The Dept. of Natural Resources has a lot of information on this at the site: www.iowadnr.com/waste/hhm/hhmauto.html.

These items cannot be put out at curbside for recycling and cannot be left at the roll-off bins, either. These materials must be brought to the Transfer Station at 2349 Jaguar Tr. When there, the office person will use an electronic device to check for unsafe contaminants. If none are present, then the material is left down at the garbage building. The attendant there will take your product and put it into the proper disposal containers.

Recycling aids in several ways. First, it keeps the environment clean and cuts down on water contamination. It also puts less stress on virgin natural resources by using what's already been formulated so less energy is also used. An added benefit is that for used oil, especially, the County gets a small income from the sale of the used oil and that helps cover the costs of the facility.

If you have specific questions, you are encouraged to contact the Transfer Station at 641-747-3764. The person who answers can likely give you the information you need.