



Transporters of Used Oil

What is used oil?

Used oil is any oil refined from crude or synthetic oil and contaminated by physical or chemical impurities as a result of use. Used oil includes lubricants, electrical insulation oil, hydraulic fluid, heat transfer oil, brake fluid, refrigeration oil, grease, or machine cutting oil. Used oil does not include oil mixed with hazardous waste (with the exception of some ignitable wastes), petroleum and synthetic-based products used as solvent, antifreeze, wastewater from which the used oil has been removed, or oil-contaminated media or debris.

What is a used oil transporter?

A used oil transporter is any generator who self-transportes more than 55 gallons of used oil at one time, any business that collects and transports used oil from generators, or the owner or operator of any used oil transfer facility. Transfer facilities include:

- Loading docks
- Parking areas
- Storage areas
- Other areas where shipments of used oil are held for more than 24 hours and not longer than 35 days during the normal course of transportation.

Requirements for used oil transporters

Facilities that transport used oil must follow these requirements:

DO:

- Obtain an EPA ID number. See [Obtaining an EPA Identification Number](#).
- Store used oil in tanks and containers in good condition.
- Mark aboveground storage tanks, containers, and fill pipes connected to underground storage tanks with the words "USED OIL."
- Store used oil in areas with oil-impervious flooring and secondary containment structures (e.g., berms, dikes).
- Clean up any used oil spills or leaks.
- Comply with US Department of Transportation regulations when applicable.
- Those who do not recycle used oil must comply with the used oil disposal requirements in [40 CFR 279.81](#).
- Used oil transporters and transfer facilities may consolidate or aggregate loads of used oil only for the purposes of transportation.

While there are no quantity limits for collection centers, there may be Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan (SPCC) requirements depending on the amount of used oil stored. Learn more about [EPA's SPCC](#) program applicability.

DO NOT:

- Store used oil in transfer facilities for more than 35 days. If used oil is stored longer than 35 days the facility must also comply with used oil processor and re-refiner requirements in [40 CFR 279 Subpart F](#).
- Process oil except for the **incidental processing** (e.g., settling, water separation) that occurs during the normal course of operations but is not designed to produce used oil-derived product. Transporters who conduct more than incidental processing must follow the used oil processor and re-refiner requirements in [40 CFR 279 Subpart F](#).
- Utilize used oil for dust control, road oiling, weed control, or apply it to the ground or vegetation.

Used oil marketers

Used oil marketers test used oil to determine if it meets specifications allowing it to be used as fuel by a burner that did not generate it. A transporter is considered a marketer if it:

- Directs shipments of off-specification used oil from their facility to a used oil burner with industrial furnaces or boilers as required by [40 CFR 279.61\(a\)](#); or
- First claims that used oil to be burned for energy recovery is on-specification.

Transporters that are also marketers must follow the marketer requirements. See [Used Oil Marketers](#) for more information.

Self-transport of used oil

Generators may self-transport used oil generated at their site or collected from a household do-it-yourself used oil generator under the following conditions:

- The generator transports no more than 55 gallons of used oil at any one time.
- The generator transports the used oil in a vehicle owned by the generator or owned by an employee of the generator.
- The used oil is transported to a used oil collection center registered to manage used oil or to an aggregation point owned or operated by the same entity as the generator.

Transporter directory

Looking for a used oil transporter? Use DEQ's [hazardous waste and used oil transporter directory](#). If you are a transporter and want your business added to or removed from the list, fill out the [request form](#).

For More Information

For specific questions, contact your nearest DEQ regional office:

- Boise: (208) 373-0550
- Coeur d'Alene: (208) 769-1422
- Idaho Falls: (208) 528-2650
- Lewiston: (208) 799-4370
- Pocatello: (208) 236-6160
- Twin Falls: (208) 736-2190

For general information, see www.deq.idaho.gov or call the Hazardous Waste Bureau at the state office at (208) 373-0502.