

# Celebrating 25 Years

## Used Oil Program

Used oil is everywhere! It is generated by households and businesses across the nation. In the early 1990s, used oil was being improperly handled and disposed, causing soil, groundwater and surface water contamination.

In 1993, the Utah Legislature created Utah's Used Oil Program in response to new federal regulations and to provide a regulatory structure for the handling and management of used oil. The Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control (DWMRC) is tasked with ensuring that it is collected and recycled properly. It is done in two ways:

### DIYer (Do-It-Yourselfer) Program

DWMRC has set up around 400 Used Oil Collection Centers in every county across Utah. DIYers and householders can recycle their used oil at these Centers for free. Collection Centers in Utah include Jiffy Lubes, Wal-Marts, O'Reilly and NAPA Auto Parts. As part of the DIYer Program, the Division promotes recycling to the public, provides material and equipment to the Centers, and works closely with the Local Health Departments (LHDs), who inspect the Centers twice a year to ensure used oil is being handled and recycled properly. Used Oil Collection Centers (UOCCs) collect approximately 500,000 gallons of used oil a year.



### Used Oil Management Program

Most of the oil generated in Utah comes from businesses. DWMRC has set standards for used oil handling and storage, and requires used oil transporters, transfer facilities, processors, and marketers to obtain permits from the Division. These permitted facilities are required to have financial assurance, and pollution liability insurance and transfer facilities and processors are required to have closure plans. These standards have led to improvements and upgrades at these facilities over time. Approximately 12 million gallons of used oil are collected and transporter in Utah (including DIYer oil).

For further information, please call (800) 458-0145 or log onto <http://www.deq.utah.gov/ProgramsServices/programs/waste/usedoil/index.htm>

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