

**USED OIL  
COLLECTION SITE  
IN THE  
CITY OF COLUMBUS, NE**

**Columbus Transfer Station**  
250 South 14th Avenue  
Columbus, NE 68601

**Day and Hours of Collection**

Monday - Friday  
8:45 am - 5:00 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon  
Closed Sunday  
&  
Winter Hours (Dec. 1 - March 31)  
Monday - Friday  
8:45 am - 3:45 pm  
Saturday: 8:00 am - Noon  
Closed Sunday

**For More Information Contact:**

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Columbus Transfer Station  
402-562-4254

For information on this and other  
collection sites call  
Keep Nebraska Beautiful  
at 1-800-486-4562  
or visit their website: [www.knb.org](http://www.knb.org)  
or  
visit our website: [www.columbusne.us](http://www.columbusne.us)

**LEADERSHIP  
MANAGEMENT TEAM**

Keep Nebraska Beautiful

Nebraska Department of  
Environmental Quality

Nebraska Department of Roads

Nebraska Association of  
County Officials

Military Department of Nebraska

University of Nebraska  
Cooperative Extension

Nebraska Department of  
Administrative Services

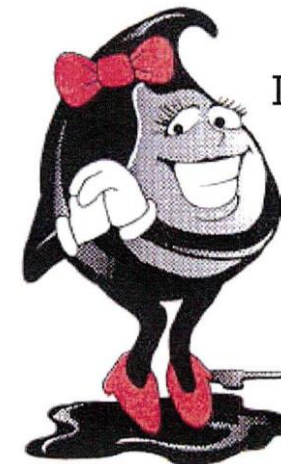
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**CITY  
OF  
COLUMBUS  
USED OIL  
COLLECTION  
PROGRAM**



Ima Oil Drop  
says,  
"It's  
time  
to  
come  
Clean!"

The Nebraska Used Oil Collection and Reuse Program, ensures all Nebraskans can dispose of oil properly. Used oil collected through the program will be reused, recovered for energy, used in asphalt applications, or re-refined.

### WHY COLLECT USED OIL?

State law (LB1257) banned disposal of waste oil in landfills beginning on September 1, 1994.

With an estimated five (5) million gallons of used oil being generated in rural Nebraska each year, we must take responsibility for properly disposing of the used oil we generate.



There is a need to prevent the soil, surface water, and groundwater in Nebraska from possible contamination by improperly or illegally dumping used oil.

### TRAGEDIES OF OIL POLLUTION

The Environmental Protection Agency reports that used oil is responsible for approximately 40 percent of the pollution in rivers and stream.

A gallon of used oil can ruin a million gallons of fresh water, which is a year's supply for 50 people.

(Source: EPA's "How to Set Up a Local Program to Recycle Used Oils", Publication 530-SW-89-039A.)

Used oil that is improperly and illegally disposed of on roads, along fence lines, sewers, drainage systems, released into the air through burning, is a pollutant because toxic metals such as lead, cadmium, and arsenic are released into the environment.



The oil can also contaminate surface and groundwater.

For every gallon of oil that is discarded, another gallon will be purchased from a dwindling and ever more precious world supply. Even the smallest amounts are important.

### WHERE DOES THE COLLECTED USED OIL GO?

Used oil can be used as a fuel resource. One gallon of used oil can be used to generate 98 kilowatt-hours of electricity according to Santee Cooper, a utility company that burns used oil in South Carolina. Used oil has nearly twice the energy-producing value as coal.

It is also a valuable resource when cleaned of its impurities and re-refined. Several national brands have been successfully marketed as premium recycled motor oils. Recycling used oil back into clean lubricating oil takes only from 1/2 to 1/4 as much energy as refining from crude oil.

### WHAT WILL BE ACCEPTED?

- ❖ Spent oil from gasoline and diesel engines
- ❖ Spent refrigerant lubricating oil
- ❖ Spent lubricating oil from aircraft reciprocating and jet engines
- ❖ Spent hydraulic fluid
- ❖ Spent heat transfer fluids
- ❖ Spent transmission fluid.
- ❖ Cutting oils

### WHAT WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED?

- ❖ Brake fluid
- ❖ Solvents of any kind
- ❖ Any used oil with water
- ❖ Spent antifreeze

### WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Make sure to collect your used oil in clean, empty and sealable containers.

Take your uncontaminated used oil to your city's oil collection facility!

Definition:  
Uncontaminated oil would be free of water, antifreeze, solvents, etc.

