

## A Clean Environment is Important to all of us!

Did you know that storm drains are NOT connected to sanitary sewer systems and treatment plants? The primary purpose of storm drains is to carry rainwater away from developed areas to prevent flooding. Untreated stormwater and the pollutants it carries, flow directly into creeks, lagoons, and the ocean.

In recent years sources of water pollution, like industrial waters from factories, have been greatly reduced. However, many sources such as cars leaking oil; fertilizer from farms, lawns and gardens; failing septic tanks; pet waste; and residential car washing release pollutants into the storm drains and into the ocean and waterways.

All these sources add up to a pollution problem; however, each of us can take small steps to help clean up our water... and that adds up to pollution solutions!

### Look on the Internet

- Recycling Centers: [calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil](http://calrecycle.ca.gov/usedoil)
- Project Clean Water: [projectcleanwater.org](http://projectcleanwater.org)
- Think Blue San Diego Region: [thinkbluesdregion.org](http://thinkbluesdregion.org)
- City of Vista: [cityofvista.com](http://cityofvista.com)



## Used Oil Collection Centers

### City of Vista Household Hazardous Waste Facility

*\*proof of residency required. 800.714.1195*

1145 East Taylor Street. Open Saturdays: 9 am to 3 pm.

- **AutoZone #2819**  
1410 N. Santa Fe Avenue 760.806-9784 \*
- **AutoZone #5679**  
573 W. Vista Way 760.941.8885 \*
- **BMW of Vista**  
1715 Hacienda Drive 760.208.2350 \*
- **Express Tire**  
2030 Hacienda Drive 760.941.7555
- **Firestone Complete Auto Care**  
1762 University Drive 760.941.4313
- **Jiffy Lube #0432**  
1213 E. Vista Way 760.758.4400
- **North County Ford**  
450 W. Vista Way 760.945.9900
- **North County Import Specialist**  
1215 N. Melrose Drive 760.945.0266
- **O'Reilly Auto Parts #1192**  
1220 E. Vista Way 760.639.0095
- **O'Reilly Auto Parts #4191**  
1250 S. Santa Fe Avenue 760.630.4342
- **Pep Boys Store # 1410**  
865 E. Vista Way 215.430.9017
- **Santa Fe Auto**  
1045 N. Santa Fe Avenue 760.945.4264
- **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**  
243 Sycamore Avenue 858.273.8539
- **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**  
786 E. Vista Way 760.941.4004 \*

\* Accepts used oil filters as well as used oil



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Water Quality Protection Program

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Hotline: 760.726.1340 ext. 1686

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# MOTOR OIL



## Only Rain in the Storm Drain!

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## What is the Problem with Motor Oil?

Oil does not dissolve in water. It lasts a long time and sticks to everything from beach sand to bird feathers. Oil and other petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife, and plants.

One pint of oil can make an oil slick larger than a football field. Oil that leaks from our cars onto roads and driveways is washed into storm drains, and then usually flows directly to a creek or lagoon and finally into the ocean.

Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollution in our ocean, creeks and lagoons. Americans spill 180 million gallons of used oil each year into our waters. This is 16 times the amount spilled by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska.

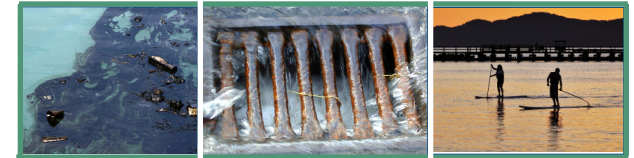


## How Can You Help Keep Our Environment Clean?

Having a clean environment is of primary importance for our health and economy. Clean waterways provide commercial opportunities, recreation, fish habitat and add beauty to our landscape.

You can help keep our ocean, creeks, and lagoons clean by applying the following tips:

- Stop drips. Check for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly. Keep your car tuned to reduce oil use.
- Use ground cloths or drip pans beneath the vehicle if there are leaks or you are working on the engine.
- Clean up spills immediately. Collect all used oil in containers with tight fitting lids. Do not mix different engine fluids.
- When you change your oil, dispose of it properly. Never dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain, on the ground, or into a ditch.
- Recycle used motor oil. Check the list on the back of this flyer for locations in Vista that accept used motor oil.
- Buy recycled “refined” motor oil to use in cars.



## Contact Information

### Report Illegal Dumping

- City of Vista Stormwater Hotline  
760.726.1340 x1686
- City of Vista Public Works  
760.639.6176
- County Stormwater Hotline  
888.846.0800

### Report Sewer Spills

City of Vista Public Works: 760.639.6176

### City of Vista Household Hazardous Waste Facility Waste Disposal

800.714.1195 | 1145 East Taylor Street, Vista  
Open Saturdays 9 am to 3 pm  
Proof of residency required.

### EDCO Waste & Recycling

760.727.1600

