# The DO's and DON'TS

## WHAT ARE WASTE OILS?

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Automotive Waste Oils Industrial Waste Oils Waste Cooking Oils







# DO'S

- Wear proper personal protective equipment when handling waste oils.
- Store waste oils in a container that is not damaged and has a secure lid.
- Clearly label these containers to indicate the contents and date that materials were added.



Contact your local environmental authority to find out about **proper disposal** of waste oils and prevent harmful environmental impacts.

### DON'TS

- Do not pour waste oils into drains or the environment.
- Do not mix different types of waste oils.
- Do not try to get rid of waste oils yourself, e.g., through burning.
- Avoid getting the oil and oil containers in contact with water.



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## **REUSE**

It has become necessary to manage waste oils due to the large quantities generated globally, and the potentially detrimental environmental effects if not properly handled, treated or disposed of.

Certain types of waste oils can be directly reused as a secondary lubricant. For example, loggers in Guyana use waste oil for their chainsaws.



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# RECYCLE

A large range of waste oils can be recycled and recovered, either directly in the case of high oil content wastes, or after some form of separation and concentration. The use of waste oils after treatment can be either a high energy content, clean burning fuel or a lubricant.

