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New Law Bans Landfilling of Used Oil Filters and Absorbents

(Oshkosh, WI.) The city of Oshkosh Sanitation Division would like to inform residents of a new law banning the landfilling of used automotive oil filters and oil absorbent materials as of January 1, 2011. The ban covers everyone in the state including homeowners, farmers, businesses, industrial operations, and others.

The oil filters and absorbents ban is intended to keep these materials out of Wisconsin landfills. Each year, Wisconsinites throw away an estimated 187,000 gallons of oil from used oil filters and 1.6 million gallons of oil in oil absorbents. By recycling filters and absorbent material, used oil can be extracted and reused. Filters also contain steel components that can be recycled. Recycling the approximately nine million filters that currently enter the landfill will save over 4.5 million pounds of steel for reuse.

Recycling options for oil filters and oil absorbent materials are available throughout the state. Many businesses that perform oil changes will accept used oil filters. Used motor oil must be recycled. Used oil may not be poured down the sewer grate or on the ground.

Empty oil bottles must be placed in the garbage, not in a recycling cart.

Used motor oil can be taken **free of charge** to the city's yard waste drop-off site (on Idaho Street off Witzel Avenue), Winnebago County Landfill, or at either of the Valvoline Instant Oil Change stores located in Oshkosh during regular business hours.

More options are listed on the [Wisconsin Recycling Markets Directory](#) page.

For more information on the ban, including a list of covered materials please visit the [DNR website](#).

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