

## How can I help?

Be sure that you are using a low-phosphate biodegradable soap when washing your car. Also, wash your car over the grass rather than in the street. The grass does a better job at filtering out pollutants than equipment built for the same purpose!

Use drip pans when working on your vehicle. It's a lot easier to clean a drip pan than it is your driveway! Collect the used motor oil in a sealed container and drop them at a participating auto parts store. After performing your work, use kitty litter to absorb any spilled fluids. This kitty litter may be disposed of on the Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day, which is held once-yearly and is free of charge. Contact the St. Charles Parish Department of Public Works at (985) 783-5102 for more information, or visit the Household Hazardous Materials Collection Day website, [www.hhmcd.com](http://www.hhmcd.com).



## Motor Oil drop-off locations:

Motor oil disposal at these locations is at the discretion of the establishment.

### AutoZone (Boutte)

13413 Hwy 90 Ste. E  
Boutte, LA 70039  
(985) 785-4438

### AutoZone (Laplace)

803 W. Airline Hwy,  
Laplace, LA 70068  
(985) 651-2782

### Advance Auto Parts (Boutte)

13143 Hwy. 90  
Boutte, LA 70039  
(985) 785-8043

### O'Reilly Auto Parts (Boutte) (Under Construction)

13352 Hwy 90  
Boutte, LA 70039

### O'Reilly Auto Parts (Laplace)

200 W Airline Hwy  
Laplace, LA 70068  
(985) 652-6083

### Wal-Mart (Boutte)

13001 Hwy 90  
Boutte, LA 70039  
(985)785-0855

## Questions? Environmental concerns?

St. Charles Parish Dept. Of Public Works  
John Gutierrez, Jr. - MS4 Coordinator  
100 River Oaks Drive  
Destrehan, LA 70047  
Phone: (985) 783-5102  
E-mail: [jgutierrez@stcharlesgov.net](mailto:jgutierrez@stcharlesgov.net)

# Don't Dump That Oil Down The Drain!

Environmentally-friendly car care  
guidelines for St. Charles Parish





## Stormwater and you..

The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) estimates that 180 million gallons of used motor oil are improperly disposed of every year! Here in St. Charles Parish, our drainage system discharges storm water directly into the wetlands without any treatment. Your actions directly influence the beautiful landscape in which we live. Learn how to protect it here!

Automotive maintenance facilities are considered storm water "hot spots," producing significant loads of hydrocarbons, trace metals, and other pollutants. Wastes generated in automobile maintenance facilities and by residents performing their own car maintenance include:

- Lubricating grease
- Solvents (paints and paint thinners)
- Antifreeze
- Brake fluid and brake lining
- Fuel (Gasoline/Diesel)
- Car wash detergents
- Batteries
- Motor oils

### Did you know...

- Oil is lighter than water. Oil will float on top of water and travel a long way!
- 4 quarts of illegally-dumped motor oil can make an oil slick that can cover 8 acres of water.
- The same 4 quarts of oil will pollute over 1 million gallons of water
- 1 million gallons of water is enough fresh water for 50 people for an entire year!



Motor oil floating on water. The rainbow coloring is a tell tale sign of oil pollution!

## Ditches & Drains: Storm Water only!

Oil and automotive chemicals aren't the only pollutants that can enter your storm water system. Many people illegally dump unwanted liquids into the drainage system such as:

- Paint (latex, enamel, & oil based)
- Cooking Oil
- Cleaning solvents
- Waste seafood purge & boil water
- Old gasoline

Remember, the only thing that can legally enter St. Charles Parish's storm water system is water! Any other substance intentionally discharged into the ditches and/or drains is a violation of the St. Charles Parish Chapter 25 Storm Water ordinance and can be punished by a \$500/day fine until the spill is cleaned!

