



Best Management Practices for Used Oil Aggregation Points

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This document is one in a series of eight that provides guidance to safely manage used oil for those who generate, collect, burn, transport, process, re-refine or market used oil. This series does not replace the regulations found at WAC 173-303-515, but presents an overview of the used oil requirements. It is designed to answer questions regarding how the used oil is handled.

What is Used Oil?

Used oil is any oil that has been refined from crude oil, or any synthetic oil, that has been used and as a result of such use is contaminated by physical or chemical impurities (WAC 173-303-040 and 40 CFR 279.10). For more information on how the state defines used oil see Ecology publication #06-04-00x, *Materials that may or may not be managed as used oil in Washington State* (<http://www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/060400x.html>).

What is a Used Oil Aggregation Point?

A used oil aggregation point is a site or facility that collects used oil from other sites or facilities which are all under the same ownership.

Required Management for Used Oil Aggregation Points

- Label containers, tanks and associated pipes "Used Oil."
- Keep containers closed, except when adding or removing used oil.
- Handle containers safely so they do not leak or rupture.
- Do not mix anything into the used oil. If you do, it isn't used oil anymore, and it may even be dangerous waste.
- Respond to spills by stopping, containing, cleaning up the spill and making necessary repairs.
- Store used oil only in tanks or containers and inspect them regularly.

Recommended Management for Used Oil Aggregation Points

- Store used oil in areas with secondary containment.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q *Can aggregation points accept used oil from do-it-yourself (DIY) generators?*

A Yes, but remember:

- Follow BMPs on the previous page.
- Ecology recommends that aggregation points keep DIY used oil separate from used oil accepted from businesses under the same ownership. Something may have been added to the DIY oil that could cause the mixture to become a dangerous waste.

Q *Can an aggregation point collect and burn used oil from businesses under the same ownership as the aggregation point in their own space heaters on-site?*

A Yes. This used oil is considered to have come from the same generator.

Q *Can an aggregation point collect and burn off-specification used oil from a business not under the same ownership as the aggregation point in their own space heaters on-site?*

A No. This option is only for generators of their own used oil.

Q *Can an aggregation point collect and burn DIY used oil or on-specification used oil from businesses not under the same ownership as the aggregation point in their own space heaters on-site?*

A Yes, but remember to:

- Follow BMPs on previous page.
- Keep test results from the marketer proving the oil is on-specification.
- Be sure the space heater is vented to the outside and has a capacity of no more than 0.5 million British Thermal Units (BTUs) per hour.

Note: Ecology urges aggregation points to be cautious about DIY used oil. You do not know if something that would harm you or your space heater has been added to DIY used oil.

Q *The U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) limits the amount of used oil an aggregation point can accept to 55 gallons per shipment. Is this requirement different in Washington State?*

A No. EPA and Washington State's requirements are the same.

Q *As an aggregation point, what recordkeeping is required?*

A Although aggregation points are not required to keep any records, Ecology recommends keeping:

- A log of each shipment of used oil accepted.
- A log of any test results conducted on the used oil.
- A log of inspections and repairs conducted on used oil storage containers, tanks, secondary containment areas, and space heaters.

Q *As an aggregation point of used oil, do I need to notify Ecology?*

A • Not if this is the only activity.

- Yes, if the center also functions as a used oil marketer, transporter, off-specification burner, used oil processor, or re-recycler.

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