

DON'T FORGET

Clean up your work area...

When cleaning up your work area after vehicle repair:

- **NEVER** hose down automotive fluid spills. To absorb spills on concrete surfaces, sprinkle sawdust, kitty litter, or cornmeal. Allow it to sit for several hours, and then sweep it into a bag and place it in the trash.

Air Conditioning Service

- **NEVER** attempt to change refrigerant or repair air conditioning units because of potential CFC leaks. Air conditioning repairs must be done by an EPA-certified air conditioning technician.

SUPPORT SHOPS THAT...



...go above and beyond environmental compliance in protecting our communities! Look for PACE certified businesses www.pacepartners.com



FURTHER RESOURCES

Facilities* that accept used auto fluids/parts in Boulder County.

STORE/ FACILITY	ACCEPT OIL	ACCEPT ANTIFREEZE	OTHER
Boulder County Household Hazardous Waste 1901 63rd St., Boulder	Yes	Yes	Gasoline, transmission fluid, batteries
City of Longmont Public Works Curbside Pick-up (303) 651-8416	Yes by appt only	No	
AutoZone 1210 Main, Longmont (303) 776-8490	Yes	No	Batteries
Checker Auto Parts 3275 28th St, Boulder (303) 444-0654	Yes	Yes	Batteries, used oil filters, transmission fluid
Checker Auto Parts 1834 Main, Longmont (303) 651-2512	Yes	No	Transmission and brake fluids
NAPA Auto Parts 2125 32nd St, Boulder (303) 443-1884	No	No	Batteries
NAPA Auto Parts 1411 Hecla Wy, Louisville (303) 666-8570	No	No	Batteries
NAPA Auto Parts 210 S Main, Longmont, (303) 772-4222	No	No	Batteries

* This list does not include auto repair stores that may accept these materials. Ask your local auto repair center if they accept certain materials which they may at no cost. Boulder County Public Health in no way endorses any of the companies, nor regards this as a complete list. Please check with your local auto parts store.



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WATER PROTECTION GUIDE

DO-IT-YOURSELF • AUTO REPAIR

What you need
to know
about working
on your
automobile



KEEP IT CLEAN

We all want clean drinking water and healthy streams. So we all have to do our share to protect our water.

Automotive fluids – such as motor oil, anti-freeze, brake fluid, and grease – contain toxic organic compounds and metals. If these pollutants leak onto the street as you drive or when you're parked, they'll be washed into the storm drains during the next rain or snowfall. If you wash your car on the street, all of these pollutants will be washed into the storm drain with the detergents in the soap.

The problem: Storm drains flow directly to our local creeks and streams!

What can you do about it?

1. Check your parking spot routinely for evidence of leaks from your vehicle.
2. If your car or truck is leaking, repair it promptly, or take it to your favorite Partners for A Clean Environment (PACE) certified auto shop.
3. Take your car to a commercial carwash, where the drains go to the sanitary sewer and then to the wastewater treatment plant.

Your local community is working hard to protect our water from pollution, and your help is crucial. This brochure will help you make good decisions when you work on your car.

**KEEP
IT CLEAN**
'cause WE'RE ALL
DOWNSTREAM



VEHICLE FLUIDS

Oil

Oil can and should be recycled. Never dispose of oil to a storm drain outside, or to the sanitary sewer inside. Always use a funnel, drain pan, and drop cloth or tarp when changing your oil to protect the ground from being contaminated. In the event of rain or snow, this oil can flow with the runoff to a storm drain and into our creeks.

If you change your car oil:

- Drain used oil into a clean container.
- Allow the used oil filter to drain in the oil pan for 24 hours.
- Take the used oil and filter to an auto parts store that accepts these materials (See list on back of brochure) or to the Boulder County Household Hazardous Waste Facility.
- Do not mix recovered oil with any other liquid, and make sure it is free of dirt, leaves, and debris.

Antifreeze

When flushing your radiator, the most important thing you can do is avoid spills, since antifreeze is toxic to animals and children.

The best ways to prevent antifreeze spills is to keep drop clothes, drip pans, and buckets available to capture all of the antifreeze. Never dump antifreeze into a septic tank, sanitary sewer (via sink or toilet), or storm drain.

Bring all waste antifreeze to the Boulder County Household Hazardous Waste Facility collection facility or an auto store that will accept it. Check the list provided on the back for a collection site near you.

CAR WASHING

When you wash off your car in city streets and gutters, the water, soap, and detergents, along with the oil and grease washed from your car, go directly to our creeks; that means the water from your car washing will have a harmful impact on our water resources.

The next time you wash your vehicle:

- Take your car to a commercial carwash, which drains to the sanitary sewer and then to a wastewater treatment plant.
- If you must wash at home, do it on an unpaved surface where water will not flow directly to a driveway, street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Empty your wash bucket in a sink or the toilet.

A LIST...

... of facilities that accept used auto fluids/parts in Boulder County can be found on the back of this brochure.

