

# Automotive Products

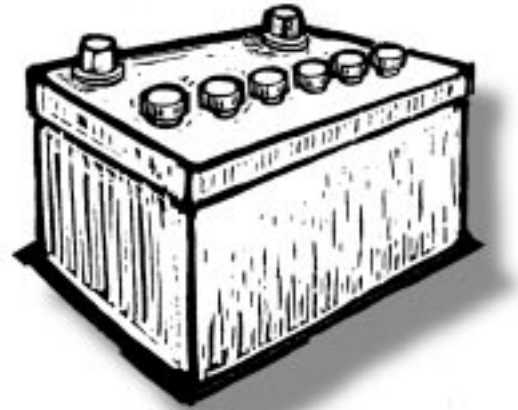
In our automobile-based culture, we deal with many hazardous substances, such as motor oil, antifreeze, crank case oil, brake fluid, windshield wiper fluid, transmission fluid, and batteries. These materials can endanger our health and environment if improperly discarded.

The good news is that automotive products are becoming easier to recycle, and an increasing number of stores, service stations, recycling centers and curbside programs are accepting these materials.

**Motor Oil** (page 28) gets dirty with use, but once contaminants are removed, it can be used again and again with the same effectiveness as virgin oil. Used motor oil is accepted at many service stations, auto parts stores and recycling centers, and is collected in a number of curbside programs.

**Antifreeze** (page 15) is very toxic, and is deadly to pets and children if accidentally ingested. Handle this liquid with care. There are several service stations within Alameda County that accept antifreeze.

In addition, the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program (800-606-6606 or 510-670-6460) will accept antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, unused windshield wiper fluid and other related products.



**Automotive batteries** (page 17) are generally salable to scrap metal dealers. They will often be accepted at automotive parts stores, service centers and some recycling centers.

**Tires** (page 35), because of their shape, trap air and other gases generated in a landfill and, as a result, don't stay buried. Therefore, landfills will not accept whole tires for landfilling. Many tire dealers will accept small quantities for a nominal fee. Check the telephone directory for the nearest tire sales or service center.

**For more information** on the proper disposal of these or other household hazardous waste materials, call the Alameda County Household Hazardous Waste Program at 800-606-6606 or 510-670-6460. To locate outlets that accept the above mentioned materials, call the Recycling Hotline at 510-639-2498.