



## Additional Information and Resources in Oakland

For more information about used oil and other environmental questions in Oakland, contact Oakland Recycles at (510) 238-SAVE or [recycling@oaklandnet.com](mailto:recycling@oaklandnet.com).

There is very complete information about recycling at the City's recycling website, [www.oaklandrecycles.com](http://www.oaklandrecycles.com). There are links at this page to information in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese. To find information on used motor oil recycling, click on the "Recycle at Home" link or on the color picture of the three residential carts. The information here about residential collection service states:

- Email [recycling@oaklandnet.com](mailto:recycling@oaklandnet.com) or call **(510) 238-SAVE** for a **free oil and oil filter recycling kit**, featuring two sturdy gallon jugs, instructions, and a special oil filter recycling bag. (Used oil and filters will only be accepted in containers provided by Oakland Recycles.)
- Leave the filled jug and securely-sealed bag at the curb next to your recycling cart.
- Your recycling company will leave a jug/bag for your next oil change.

Unlike most cities, Oakland's residential recycling service for used oil and filters is available to residents of some multifamily housing complexes. Residents who do not have residential pick-up service may take used oil to any of Oakland's collection centers (listed on the last page of the student lesson book.)

From the [www.oaklandrecycles.com](http://www.oaklandrecycles.com) website, you can access a lot of other great information about environmental programs. From the green menu bar at the top of the page, select "Departments" and then "Environmental Services Division." The menu in the yellow box at the left of this page includes several interesting topics: you may find "Creek/Watershed Protection" and "Doin' the Green Thing" particularly relevant to this lesson.

The Alameda County website [www.stopwaste.org](http://www.stopwaste.org) has a wealth of additional information about waste reduction and recycling. From the home page, you can use drop-down menus to access information about recycling a wide variety of materials. More general information can be found by clicking on the yellow box for "Residents." The blue box for "Schools" describes free recycling resources and assistance available to schools.

A direct link to the site's section on household hazardous waste is at [www.household-hazwaste.org](http://www.household-hazwaste.org). There are three drop-off locations for toxic materials such as household cleaners, pesticides, fluorescent tubes, paint, and batteries. The locations are in Hayward, Livermore and Oakland, and are open on a limited schedule. The schedule and maps to the locations are on the website. These drop-off locations should be used to dispose of motor oil that has been contaminated with other materials such as gasoline, antifreeze or solvents, and absorbents such as rags or cat litter that have been used to clean up oil spills.

The site also has a section on alternatives to hazardous household products that you and your students may find interesting.

For broader local environmental information, check out the National Resources Defense Council's site called "Green Gate" [www.nrdc.org/greengate/](http://www.nrdc.org/greengate/), an "Environmental Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area." It is very easy to navigate, has a wide range of information, and has links to other organizations in the "Green Guides and Resources" section.