



Additional Information and Resources in Union City

For more information about used oil and other environmental questions in Union City, contact the Recycling Coordinator at (510) 675-5466 or go to the City website www.unioncity.org. Click on the recycling link at the upper left of the home page. The recycling page has several links in the menu at the left, including one for motor oil.

Allied Waste and Tri-CED Recycling are the service providers for Union City Residents. You can find guides to services in English, Chinese, Spanish and Hindi at www.alliedwasteac.com/residentialuc.shtml

Free curbside collection of used oil is available to residential customers (Note that the service is generally not available to residents of multifamily housing.) The oil must be in the containers provided by Tri-CED Recycling, and set next to (not in) the recycling cart on the regular recycling service day. Call 510/429-8030 for containers.

Residents who do not have curbside service may take used oil to any of Union City's collection centers (listed on the last page of the student lesson book.)

The Alameda County website 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. 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/, 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.