



Additional Information and Resources in Oakland

For more information about used oil and other environmental questions in Oakland, contact the City of Oakland Recycling Hotline at (510) 238-SAVE or recycling@oaklandnet.com. There is very complete information about recycling at the City's recycling website, www.oaklandrecycles.com. By clicking on Apartments/Condos or Single Family Homes you'll find information in Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese. To find information on used motor oil recycling, click on the "Single Family Homes" and scroll down the page and click "Hazardous." The information here about residential collection service states:

- Email OaklandCS@calwaste.com or call 510-OAKLAND 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.) Residents of multifamily properties that do offer used oil and filter collection should ask their apartment manager for a free oil and oil filter recycling kit.

From the www.oaklandrecycles.com website, you can access news about services and seasonal information at the "News and Updates" link. The City's recycling hauler California Waste Solutions also has a website www.calwaste.com; click on "Services" at the top of the page for a drop-down menu of cities including Oakland.

The Alameda County website www.stopwaste.org has a wealth of additional information about waste reduction and recycling. Check out the "Recycle Where?" search engine at the upper right of the home page, for detailed information about recycling almost anything. More general information can be found by clicking on the "Recycling" tab. Then you'll see a "For Schools" column, which 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 four drop-off locations for toxic materials such as household cleaners, pesticides, fluorescent tubes, paint, and batteries. The locations are in Hayward, Livermore, Oakland and Fremont, 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.