

Clean Water

At A Glance

Auto
Fluids

Automotive Fluids

When it rains, or when water flows off driveways or over pavement, it washes directly into storm drains, carrying pollutants with it. Storm drains lead directly to our local waterways including the Willamette and McKenzie rivers.

Many automotive fluids - including motor oil, anti-freeze, transmission fluids, de-greasers, and solvents - are hazardous wastes. You can protect the community's health, and the health of our rivers, by properly containing and disposing of these fluids. Remember, it is a violation of City Code 4.372 to dump anything into the stormwater system.

Proper Disposal of Auto Fluids

Many of Lane County Waste Management's transfer sites and receiving stations will accept motor oil (including transmission and hydraulic fluids), oil filters and anti-freeze, free of charge. Keep fluids separate and put them in non-breakable, labeled containers. Solvents and de-greasers are accepted at the Household Hazardous Waste site. Call Lane County Waste Management at 541.682.4120 for more information about disposal options.



Automotive Maintenance & Repair Do's

Collect fluids in tightly sealed and labeled containers. Do not mix fluids. Keep fluids in a covered area and out of reach of children, animals, and waterways.

Use funnels and drip pans under your vehicle when changing fluids.

If automotive fluids do end up on the ground use an absorbent material (kitty litter, sawdust) and sweep up with a broom.

If your vehicle is leaking fluids, please make repairs as soon as possible. A short-term solution is to put a drip pan with absorbent materials under your vehicle wherever it is parked.

Take your vehicle to a repair shop for major repairs or maintenance.

Report Water Pollution

Help keep our local rivers healthy and report water pollution. Call the water pollution reporting hotline at 541.726.3694 or email dpw@springfield-or.gov

For more information on how to protect local rivers, go to springfieldstreams.org or email our team at WaterResources@springfield-or.gov

