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Used/Contaminated Gasoline Disposal Tips and Info

Disposing of gas illegally or inappropriately—for instance, pouring it onto land, into storm drains, or down toilets—can incur fines, damage the landscape, kill animals, contaminate water sources, and even pose a serious fire risk.

There are several easy ways to properly dispose of old or contaminated gasoline:

If you have a small amount (i.e., less than a gallon) of gasoline or fuel-oil mix that you need to dispose of, try mixing it with a dry-absorbent designed to soak up oils like fuels and petroleum (or even a clay-based cat litter), bag it up and dispose of it with your typical household garbage. Liquid gasoline, or a container of liquid gasoline, should never be dumped directly into normal household waste, however.

Or, store it safely until you can bring it to one of the Town's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Days for disposal. For more info visit the Town's Recycling web page here: <https://www.townofbethlehem.org/143/Recycling>.

NYSDEC also has a Gasoline Disposal Fact Sheet with some other helpful ideas, available at this web address: https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/gasoline.pdf

Used motor oil can be brought to most shops that perform oil changes. Please note that the Town no longer accepts motor oil at our HHW collection events due to this easy and free alternative means of disposal. See the DEC website for more information: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/8786.html>.

To report a gasoline or oil spill, contact the NYS Spill Hotline at 1-800-457-7362.