

NEWS RELEASE

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Keep Nanaimo's waterways clean; recycle leftover petroleum products

Summary

The City of Nanaimo is reminding residents that all petroleum products are recyclable and should not be disposed of down the drain, in catch-basins, ditches, manholes or storm clean-outs.

These items need to be handled separately from other recyclables and, as a result, are not accepted in curbside recycling (blue cart). A number of recycling depots and businesses in Nanaimo accept these products for recycling. To find one, use the What Goes Where tool in the Nanaimo Recycles app (available for free on the App Store or Google Play) or on the City website at www.nanaimo.ca/goto/GarbageCalendar.

Strategic Link: Keeping Nanaimo's waterways clean through proper disposal of petroleum products supports Council's priority of Environmental Responsibility.

Key Points

- To report a spill, please call the City of Nanaimo Public Works at 250-758-5222.
- Items such as oil, gas, diesel and paint products can all be recycled at a local depot.
- Depots are free and easy to use. One tip is to save up all items slated for the depot and then take them there once a month or so.

Quotes

"Improper disposal of things like leftover paint, used oil and other petroleum products has a significant environmental impact on our lakes, streams and oceans. There are many places that will accept these products for free. Please do your part to keep Nanaimo's waterways clean."

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