



Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp.

Used Oil, Filter and Container Recycling Program Update – March 2009

The Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. (SARRC) is a non-profit corporation formed by the oil and filter industry in Saskatchewan to develop, implement and maintain a province-wide Used Oil, Filter and Container Recycling Program. SARRC was incorporated February 12, 1996. The program, approved by the Ministry of Environment, has been widely accepted and supported by consumers, industry, environmental groups, governments and other stakeholders.

- From January 1 to December 31, 2008
 - 0.33 million kilograms of oil containers;
 - 1.97 million oil filters; and
 - 17.65 million litres of used oil were recycled
- Since the program began (Oct 1997 to Dec 2008)
 - 2.35 million kilograms of oil containers;
 - 19.69 million oil filters; and
 - 177.82 million litres of used oil have been recycled
- Oil container recycling reached a record 0.33 million kilograms in 2008, up 14.3% from 2007 at 37% of the 0.88 million kilograms sold in 2008. In previous years SARRC commissioned Pulse Research Ltd. to conduct an extensive plastic oil container study, finding that Saskatchewan farmers annually re-use about 80% of their 20-litre oil pails resulting in a 24% province-wide container re-use rate. With annual recycling rates for used oil containers at 37%, the annual oil container combined re-use/recycling rate was 61% in 2008
- Oil filter recycling in 2008 held pace with 2007 with the 2008 recycling rate reaching 84%, or 1.97 million filters. In 2008, 2.33 million oil filters were sold and available for recycling. The number of filters in a 205 litre (45 gallon) drum in 2008 was 130, dropping from 135 between 2004 and 2007 and from 140 between 1997 and 2003. The increase in filter size likely reflected more industrial activity in the economy than prior years
- Used oil recycling in 2008 was up 6.3% from 2007 with 17.65 million litres of used oil recycled in 2008 for an annual recycling rate of 80%. Approximately 22 million litres of used oil were estimated to be available for collection in Saskatchewan in 2008, up from 20 million litres in prior years. The record collection was likely due to the high price of crude oil, which drove up the price of used oil and made collection much more attractive
- These Return Incentive program results represent substantive achievements by the private sector recycling industry, which numbers over 40 registered collectors to deliver used oil materials to over 30 registered processors. While a Saskatchewan oil container processor closed its doors in fall 2008, collectors were able to deliver to alternate markets and increase collection. Used oil material processors recycle materials into various products.

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Saskatchewan Used Oil
Recycling Program

- Used oil is reprocessed into re-refined lubricating oil, industrial burner fuel and other products. Used oil filters are processed into structural metal shapes for the manufacturing of industrial and agricultural products. Plastic oil containers are recycled into industrial posts, railroad crossings, plastic pipe and new containers. Plastic 20-litre pails are refilled with bulk lubricants, or cleaned and re-used for a wide number of applications.
- Used oil collection facilities, which are existing services for DIYs, farmers and small business operators who change their own oil, continue to increase their activities due to the reduction of cost of disposal through the Return Incentive program. Over 350 used oil collection facilities are available for use in over 200 Saskatchewan communities.
- Used Oil, Filter & Container EcoCentres provide services for DIYs, farmers and small business operators who change their own oil and wish to safely dispose of their used oil, filters and containers. Thirty-five Used Oil, Filter & Container EcoCentres are now open in Bengough, Biggar, Creighton/Flin Flon, Davidson, Esterhazy, Fort Qu'Appelle, Gravelbourg, Grenfell, Hudson Bay, Humboldt, Kindersley, La Ronge, Leader, Maple Creek, Meadow Lake, Melfort, Melville, Moose Jaw, Moosomin, Nipawin, Outlook, Preeceville, Prince Albert, Redvers, Regina, Rosetown, Saskatoon, Shaunavon, Spiritwood, Swift Current, Unity, Watrous, Weyburn, Wynyard and Yorkton.
- An annual promotion known as EcoSummer continued in 2008 with a "If you're not recycling your used oil, what ARE you doing with it?" theme to widely promote the Used Oil, Filter and Container Recycling Program and the EcoCentre/collection point network. A television commercial incorporating the same theme ran on Hockey Night in Canada during the Stanley Cup Playoffs. A series of nine themed radio ads ran province-wide during the spring and summer collection periods. Website advertising was introduced during the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics on CBC.ca in Saskatchewan. Extensive educational and promotional activities were conducted in cooperation with the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council (SWRC) using Mr. Oil Drop and Recycling Ambassadors to visit oil and filter retailers, EcoCentre/collection points, municipalities and local community events.
- SARRC Used Oil, Filter and Container Recycling Program results have exceeded initial program expectations, protecting the environment and promoting and facilitating the recovery of valuable, non-renewable resources. The program provides a single, comprehensive, cost-effective, sustainable and province-wide program in harmony with similar current programs in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba and Quebec. SARRC has formalized this cooperation by joining these four provincial associations in forming the National Used Oil Material Advisory Council (NUOMAC). This organization coordinates the Canada-wide used oil material recycling effort and encourages consistent national standards for this unique and successful industry-led stewardship recycling program.