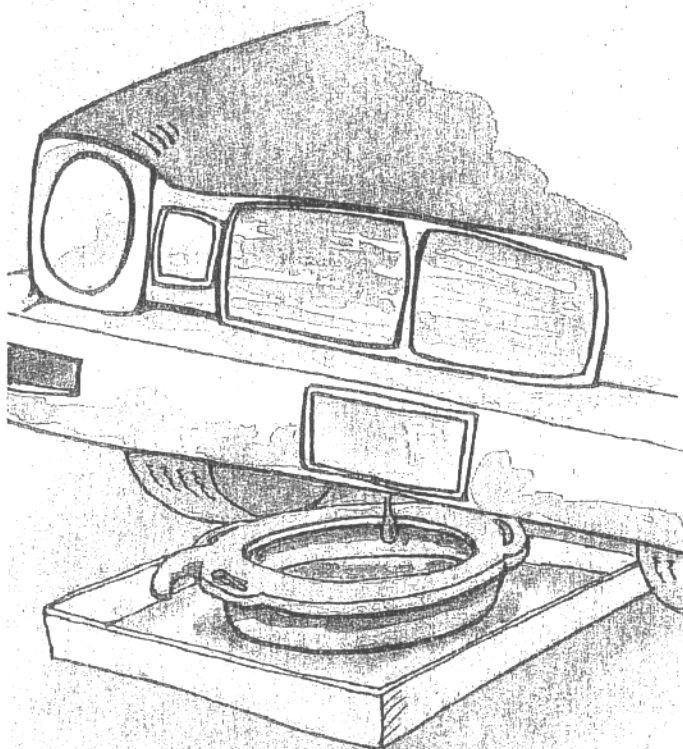


Changing Oil and Other Fluids



Vehicle Shop Practices for a Cleaner Bay

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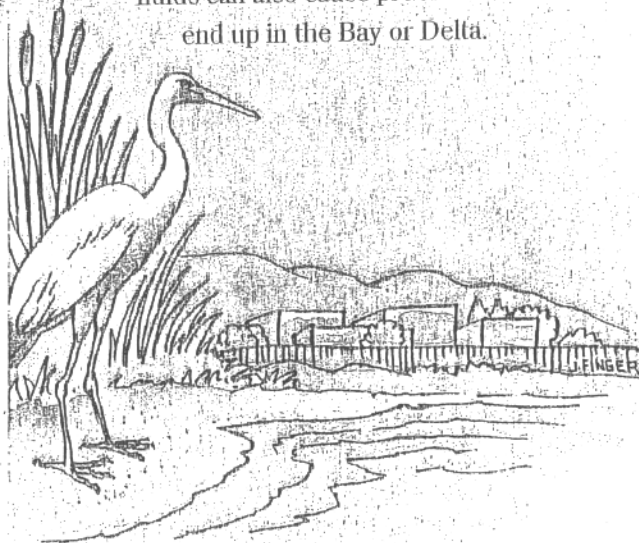
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Vehicle Service Shops Can Make a Difference.

Vehicle service employees can help protect water quality in important ways by following the guidelines for shop practices and maintenance in this brochure. We hope you will join with us and businesses throughout the Bay Area as we work together to safeguard the health of the Bay.

Outside your shop, storm drains carry runoff from streets, gutters, and parking lots directly to local creeks and the San Francisco Bay and Delta with no waste treatment. When oils, dissolved metals, and other vehicle fluids reach a creek or the Bay they threaten water quality and the health of wildlife in our waterways.

Inside the shop, most drains carry waste into a sanitary sewer and on to the local wastewater treatment plant, where motor oils, metals, and vehicle fluids can also cause problems — and still end up in the Bay or Delta.



How You Can Help!

Waste oil, antifreeze, and other vehicle fluids contain toxic chemicals and heavy metals from wear and tear of engine parts.

- ☐ **Drain vehicle fluids** indoors and only on non-porous floors.
- ☐ **Always use a drip pan** when draining fluids.
- ☐ **Transfer fluids** drained from vehicles to a designated waste storage area as soon as possible.
- ☐ **Never pour vehicle fluids** or any hazardous wastes into sinks, toilets, floor drains, outside storm drains, or put in the garbage.
- ☐ **Prevent spills** from reaching storm drains:
 - Work over an absorbent mat
 - Cover nearby storm drains
 - Work in a bermed area, or
 - Use absorbent socks to create a bermed area
- ☐ **Use absorbents or rags** to clean up any spilled oil or fluids.

