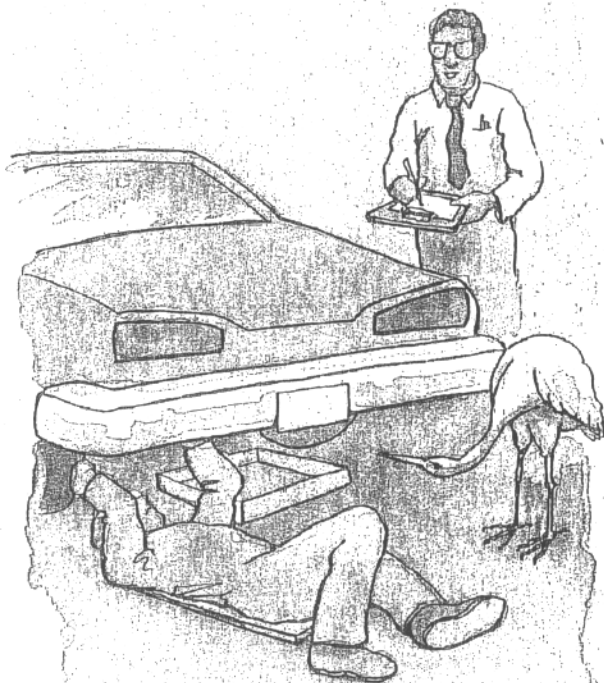


Tips for Managers of Vehicle Service Facilities



Vehicle Shop Practices for a Cleaner Bay

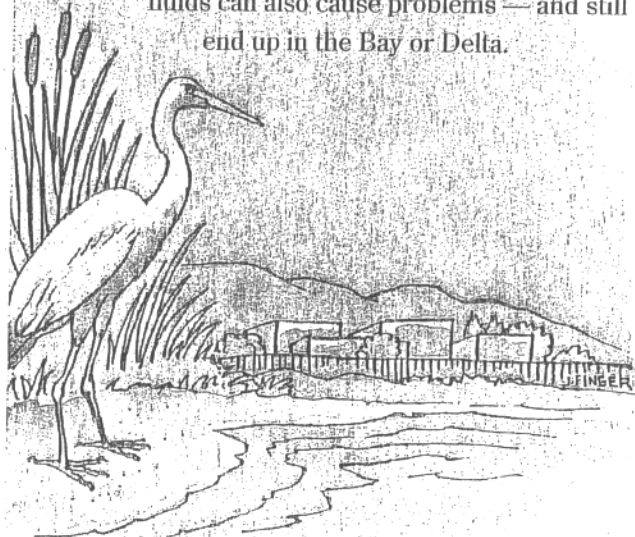
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Vehicle Service Shops Can Make a Difference.

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!

Storage/Recycling/Treatment

Appropriate storage protects your shop from hazardous spills. Recycling and properly treating wastes protects the environment and saves you money. Consult your local hazardous waste agency for details.

- ☐ Separate waste solvents, paints, oil filters, anti-freeze, motor oil, batteries, and lubricants to increase your waste recycling/disposal options and reduce costs.
- ☐ Keep lids on waste barrels and containers, and store them indoors or under cover.
- ☐ Properly maintain and service all treatment devices (such as oil/water separators).
- ☐ Inspect equipment frequently for malfunctioning parts, leaks, and accumulation of pollutants such as oil and grease.

Purchasing

Purchasing decisions have a direct and long-term impact on the products used and disposed of by your shop. Make pollution prevention easier and reduce costs and liability by controlling the types and amounts of products purchased.

- ☐ Minimize inventory by purchasing only as much product as you will need in the foreseeable future.

Education and Training

Your success in following these guidelines depends on an effective training program.

- ☐ Label both drains inside and outside your shop to indicate whether they flow to an oil/water separator, directly to the sewer, or to a storm drain.
- ☐ Review the guidelines in these pamphlets annually with all employees, and with all new hires. If you need more materials, call your local wastewater treatment plant or stormwater management agency.