

Alberta’s Used Oil Recycling Program Products, Definitions and Environmental Fees

The following table helps clarify which oil materials should be charged environmental fees when sold or supplied in or into Alberta, and which products should not be charged.

Eligible Oil Material Categories	Current Environmental Fees to September 30, 2023	NEW FEES EFFECTIVE October 1, 2023
Lubricating Oil	\$0.05 per litre	\$0.06 per litre
Oil Containers	\$0.05 per litre/container size	<p><i>\$0.12 per litre/container size for containers made of high-density polyethylene (HDPE) or metal materials.</i></p> <p><i>\$0.20 per litre/container size for containers made of non-HDPE or non-metal materials.</i></p>
Oil Filters <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Less than 8 inches or sump type filters • Equal to or greater than 8 inches 	<p>\$0.50</p> <p>\$1.00</p>	<p>\$0.55</p> <p>\$1.25</p>

Category of Eligible Oil Material
OIL FLUID & CONTAINER
Additional Information
All Oil Fluid and Oil Container (for container sizes of 30 Litres or less) Fluid is Program applicable since it is not consumed in use and is available for collection and recycling.
Products included in this category:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li style="width: 50%;">▪ circulating oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ paper machine oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ compressor oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ petroleum crankcase oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ crankcase oil (petroleum or synthetic) <li style="width: 50%;">▪ polyolester fluids <li style="width: 50%;">▪ electrical insulating oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ power steering fluid <li style="width: 50%;">▪ engine oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ refrigeration system oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ gear oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ re-refined oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ hydraulic fluid <li style="width: 50%;">▪ synthetic crankcase oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ marine engine oil for vessels operating domestically <li style="width: 50%;">▪ transmission fluid <li style="width: 50%;">▪ mineral heat transfer fluid <li style="width: 50%;">▪ turbine oil <li style="width: 50%;">▪ natural gas compressor oil not consumed in use <li style="width: 50%;">▪ vegetable oil for lubrication <li style="width: 50%;">▪ vacuum pump oil

Category of Eligible Oil Material	
OIL CONTAINER ONLY	
Additional Information	
<p>Oil Container only (for container sizes of 30 Litres or less) Fluid is <i>not</i> Program applicable since it is consumed in use and not available for collection and recycling.</p>	
Products included in this category:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 2-cycle engine oil ▪ agricultural spray oil ▪ anti-seize lubricant ▪ chain oil ▪ conveyor lube ▪ dedusting oil ▪ drawing, stamping and shaping oil ▪ driplless lube ▪ emulsified oil ▪ food grade white mineral oil ▪ form release oil ▪ gasoline / 2-cycle engine oil mixes ▪ machine tool and slideway lubricant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ marine cylinder oil ▪ metal working oil ▪ natural gas compressor oil consumed in use ▪ pneumatic system oil ▪ process oil ▪ quenching oil ▪ rock drill oil ▪ rustproof oil ▪ saw guide oil ▪ silicone lubricant ▪ textile oil ▪ wiring pulling lubricant (petroleum or vegetable based)

Excluded (Oil Fluid & Container):	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 3-in-1 household oil ▪ aerosol propelled lubricant ▪ base oil, including re-refined base oil ▪ brake fluid ▪ cleaning/flushing fluids for motors/equipment ▪ cooking oil ▪ diesel fuel treatment ▪ ethylene glycol heat transfer fluid ▪ export oil sales ▪ glycol-based heat transfer fluid ▪ grease ▪ gun oil ▪ heating furnace oil ▪ hydraulic jack oil ▪ hydraulic oil dye ▪ kerosene ▪ marine engine oil for vessels operating internationally 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ oil additive ▪ oil treatment ▪ penetrating oil ▪ phosphate ester hydraulic fluid ▪ polyglycol synthetic compressor oil ▪ propylene glycol heat transfer fluid ▪ sewing machine oil ▪ silicone heat transfer fluid ▪ solvents ▪ synthetic aromatic hydrocarbon heat transfer fluid ▪ undercoating ▪ urethane coating ▪ water glycol hydraulic fluid ▪ wax ▪ windshield washer fluid ▪ winter start fluid

Category of Eligible Oil Material	
OIL FILTERS	
Additional Information	
Products included in this category:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ spin-on or element style filter used in hydraulic, transmission or internal combustion engine applications including diesel fuel filter ▪ coolant filter ▪ diesel fuel filter used at retail & commercial pump islands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ household furnace fuel filter ▪ oil / air separator filter ▪ plastic / paper element style filter ▪ storage tank diesel fuel filter ▪ sump type automatic transmission filter ▪ locomotive filters
Excluded:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ air filter ▪ crankcase ventilation filter ▪ gasoline fuel filter 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ household furnace air filter ▪ sock-type filter

Category of Eligible Oil Material	
ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT MANUFACTURER (OEM)	
Additional Information	
<p>The following categories and equipment are examples of OEM products (non-exhaustive list). Please contact Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) at the number or email listed below for questions regarding the applicability of specific materials not identified on the list.</p> <p>NOTE: The OEM Categories of Recreational and Specialized Equipment became applicable in AB Used Oil Program, effective July 1, 2020.</p>	
OEM Categories	
Automotive	Cars, Light Trucks, Medium Duty, and Heavy-Duty Trucks, Buses and Motorhomes/Recreational Vehicles
Electrical Equipment	Transformers, Capacitors, Mobile/Portable Light Towers, Generators, Compressors, Auxiliary Power Unit (APU)
Riding Mowers and Utility Vehicles	Commercial use only, up until July 1, 2020, when all riding mowers became Program eligible
Agriculture Equipment	Combine, Forage Harvesters, Tractor, Wind Rowers, Aerators, Balers
Construction Equipment	Dozer, Dumper, Excavator, Grader, Horizontal Direction Drills, Kg. Pipe Layers, Rollers, Kg. Rollers, Scrapers, Trenchers, Dredgers, Power Shovel, Reclaimer, Backhoe, Pipelayer/Sideboom and Compaction Equipment
Forestry Equipment	Attachments (Planting, Site Preparation), Feller, Feller Bunchers, Harvesters, Log. Loaders, Processors, Slashers, Skidders, Yarder, and Forwarder
Recreational (effective July 1, 2020)	ATVs, Motorcycles, Utility Vehicles/Side-by-Sides, Snowmobiles, Personal Watercraft, Boats, Golf Carts, etc.
Specialized Equipment (effective July 1, 2020)	Airport/Tarmac Vehicles/Equipment, Mining, Military Equipment, Emergency, Vehicles, Miscellaneous Rental Equipment, etc.

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- www.albertarecycling.ca/recycling-programs/electronics-recycling-program/eligible-products-fees/

Notes:

1. This is not considered an exhaustive list. Products identified are examples based on Supplier inquiries. If you require assistance in verifying whether or not a particular electronic product should be charged an environmental fee, please call ARMA at 1-888-999-8762 or email us at usedoil@albertarecycling.ca.
2. Pursuant to the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, [Used Oil Designation Regulation and the Used Oil Recycling Bylaw](#), environmental fees must be remitted on all sales/supplies of designated eligible oil material in or into Alberta.

ARMA is a member of the Used Oil Management Associations of Canada (UOMA). For information and a list of fees related to the other UOMA provinces, please visit the UOMA website <https://usedoilrecycling.com/>

Used Oil Management Associations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ AB Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA) ▪ BC Used Oil Management Assoc (BCUOMA) ▪ MB Association for Resource Recovery Corp (MARRC) ▪ SK Association for Resource Recovery Corp (SARRC) ▪ QC La Société de gestion des huiles usagées (SOGHU) ▪ NB Société de gestion des huiles usagées de l'Atlantique/Atlantic Used Oil Management Association (UOMA NB) ▪ PE Société de gestion des huiles usagées de l'Atlantique/Atlantic Used Oil Management Association (UOMA PE) ▪ NL Société de gestion des huiles usagées de l'Atlantique/ Atlantic Used Oil Management Association (UOMA NL) ▪ NS Société de gestion des huiles usagées de l'Atlantique/ Atlantic Used Oil Management Association (UOMA NS)