

engine, or a lubricant for motor vehicle transmissions, gears, or axles which through use, [storage] STORAGE, or handling has become unsuitable for its original purpose due to the presence of impurities or loss of original properties.

(c) The legislature finds that a substantial number of gallons of used oil is generated each year in the State. Used oil is a valuable petroleum resource which can be recycled. In spite of the potential for recycling, significant quantities of used oil are wastefully disposed of or improperly used by means which pollute the water, land, and air[,] and endanger public health and welfare. Used oil should be collected and recycled to the maximum extent possible, by means which are economically feasible and environmentally sound, in order to conserve irreplaceable petroleum resources, preserve and enhance the quality of natural and human environments, and protect public health and welfare.

(d) The Department shall conduct a public education program to inform the public of the needs for and the benefits of collecting and recycling used oil in order to conserve resources and preserve the environment. As part of this program, the Department shall:

(3) Establish, maintain, and publicize a used oil information center that will explain local, State, and federal laws and regulations governing used oil and will inform holders of quantities of used oil on how and where[,] and in what manner used oil may be properly disposed of;

(e) The Department [of Natural Resources] may designate Maryland State inspection facilities and may designate any other facilities [it] THE DEPARTMENT deems appropriate which are safe and conveniently located and which agree to serve as collection facilities for the deposit of used oil. There is no cost to a person making the deposit. Each designated facility shall post and maintain a durable and legible sign readily visible in an appropriate place which indicates the facility is designated as a used oil disposal location. The designated facility shall install and maintain on the premises used oil collection containers, properly sheltered and protected to prevent spillage, seepage, or discharge of the used oil into the water of the State, and of sufficient size to handle returns of used oil and used oil containers. Each designated facility regularly shall remove and dispose or have removed and disposed by used oil collectors[,] the accumulated oil in a manner as required by law.

(f) (1) Except as provided under Title 7, Subtitle 2 of the Environment Article or any other provisions of law, after January 1, 1979[,] a person may not dispose of or cause to be disposed of any used oil by discharge, dump, or deposit into sewers, drainage systems, surface or ground waters, any waters in this State, or by incineration or as refuse, or onto any public or private land unless [such] THE land is designated by the State or by any of its agencies or political subdivisions as a collection facility for [such] THE disposal, dumping, or deposit and the used oil is placed in a receptacle or container installed or located on [such] THE property.

(2) The provisions of this subsection do not include:

(I) [the] THE application of used oil to roads for maintenance purposes as authorized by law[,];