

(4) Paying insurance costs by the State to extend or implement the benefits of the Fund.

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(d) The Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] NATURAL RESOURCES 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 of [Health and Mental Hygiene] NATURAL RESOURCES shall:

(1) Require persons regularly engaged in the business of selling lubricating or other oil in containers for use off the premises, to post and maintain at or near the point of display or sale durable and legible signs informing the public of the importance of proper collection and disposal of used oil, and how and where used oil may be properly disposed of, including, whenever feasible, locations and hours of operation of conveniently located collection facilities;

(2) 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;

(3) Encourage the establishment of used oil collection and recycling programs and provide technical assistance to persons organizing these programs; and

(4) Encourage the use of labeling for oil containers to inform the user of the importance of proper collection and disposal of used oil.

(e) The Department of [Health and Mental Hygiene] NATURAL RESOURCES may designate Maryland State inspection facilities and may designate any other facilities it 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.