

# HOUSEHOLD HAZARDS: AUTOMOTIVE PRODUCTS

The City of Youngstown has an MS4 (Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System), a drainage system that carries rainwater runoff directly into rivers, lakes, and streams – NOT to our Wastewater Treatment Plant.

## What damage do auto pollutants cause?

Gasoline is flammable and its vapors are toxic to both animals and humans. Direct contact with gas and motor fluids can cause irritation to the hands and eyes. Ingestion of these pollutants can result in death.

Toxins and chemicals found in gas and leaks from motor fluids and batteries result in loss of fish habitat, harmful algae blooms, reduced oxygen levels.

Increased costs and time of treatment for drinking water.

## Common Sources of Auto Pollution

Motor Oil  
Antifreeze  
Brake and Transmission Fluids  
Gasoline  
Batteries

## Did you know?

Used motor oil from a single oil change can contaminate up to one million gallons of freshwater.

## How YOU Can Help

Use drip pans when repairing vehicles, address leaks, and dispose of used motor oil at designated drop-off points or recycling centers.

Schedule routine services for your transmission, brake, and power steering fluids as well as oil changes to prevent leakage from occurring.

For more info on recycling, donating, or properly disposing of hazardous products:

Green Youngstown: <https://youngstownohio.gov/green>

Green Team: <https://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov/255/Household-Hazardous-Waste>



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