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“Green Your Ride” on Oct. 12 with Charleston County Recycling

Free event from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12 at Pep Boys in West Ashley

Using the correct, manufacturer-suggested grade of motor oil can improve your vehicle's gas mileage by at least 1-2 percent. But don't toss out your old oil, recycle it.

[Charleston County's Solid Waste and Recycling Department](#) will hold its first “Green Your Ride” event to teach people about the importance of recycling used motor oil and how to improve gas mileage.

“Green Your Ride” will take place from 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 12 at Pep Boys in West Ashley (1550 Savannah Highway).

Charleston County staff will have a booth on site to answer your questions on how to “Green Your Ride,” and they will also provide:

- Free oil funnels
- Information about motor oil recycling
- Information on how to be a more environmentally-efficient driver

In addition, Pep Boys will hold a raffle for a \$25 gift card for customers who spend at least \$25 in the store during the “Green Your Ride” event.

“We are holding this event because of the demand from people to learn more about how to be more environmentally efficient while driving and also how to save on gas, as the price of gas continues to increase,” said Theresa Martin, a marketing specialist for the Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling Department, who is coordinating the event on Oct. 12.

According to the [S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control](#), one gallon of used motor oil can pollute one million gallons of drinking water if not properly recycled.

“Used motor oil contains heavy metals that can contaminate Charleston's ecosystems and threaten people's health,” Martin said. “Used oil should never be thrown in the trash, dumped on the ground, or into a lake, river, sewer, septic tank or storm drain.”

Charleston County accepts motor oil for recycling at the following locations:

- Adams Run – 8326 Old Jacksonboro Road, 29426
- Awendaw – 6380 Maxville Road, 29429
- Bees Ferry – 1344 Bee's Ferry Road, 29414
- Charleston Air Force Base – 100 W. Stewart Avenue and Arthur Drive, 29404
- Downtown Charleston – Charleston County Recycling Center, 13 Romney Street, 29403
- Edisto Island – 2844 Highway 174, 29438
- Hollywood – 5305 Highway 165, 29449
- McClellanville – 1775 River Road, 29458
- Wadmalaw Island – 1558 Liberia Road, 29487

TIPS ON ENVIRONMENTALLY-EFFICIENT DRIVING:

(Source: www.fueleconomy.gov)

- Using the manufacturer's recommended grade of motor oil can improve gas mileage by 1-2 percent.
- A properly tuned engine will improve gas mileage up to four percent.
- Clean engine air filters will save gas, protect the engine and improve a car's fuel economy by up to 10 percent.
- Proper tire inflation can improve a car's fuel economy up to three percent making the car ride safer and faster.
- Drive the legal speed limits; for most cars, fuel efficiency drops when driving over 60 mph.

For more information on the "Green Your Ride" event or motor oil recycling, contact the Charleston County Solid Waste and Recycling Department at (843) 720-7111 or visit <http://recycle.charlestoncounty.org>.