

Help Keep California Waterways Clean!



PRACTICE PREVENTIVE ENGINE MAINTENANCE AND USE OIL ABSORBENTS

- Keep the engine well-tuned and operating efficiently.
- Transfer and remove fluids with care, using funnels, pumps, and absorbents to eliminate drips and spills. Do not let fluids and solvents run into the bilge.
- Use oil absorbents in the bilge or beneath the engine to capture unexpected engine leaks. Securely fasten the absorbent to prevent clogging the bilge pump or its sensor. Call **1-800-CLEANUP** or visit www.earth911.org to find where to properly dispose of used oil absorbents.
- Use oil absorbents instead of soaps to clean oil. Soaps emulsify oil, dispersing it through the water column making it impossible to remove from the water. Applying soap to remove an oil sheen is **illegal** and bad for the environment.
- When changing your own oil, use a closed system (portable oil-change pump), available at marine supply stores.
- Recycle used motor oil and oil filters at a certified used oil collection center or marina providing this service. Call **1-800-CLEANUP** or visit www.earth911.org to find where to properly recycle used oil. Used oil can't be recycled when mixed with other materials. Keep it segregated for recycling.

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