

## Background

The Saskatchewan Association for Resource Recovery Corp. (SARRC) is a non-profit corporation formed by the automotive materials industry, specifically oil, filter, antifreeze and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) products, in Saskatchewan to develop, implement and maintain a single, cost-effective, province-wide Used Oil Filter, Antifreeze and Container Recycling Program. SARRC was incorporated on February 12, 1996. The program, approved by the Ministry of Environment, has been widely accepted and supported by consumers, industry, environmental groups, governments and other stakeholders.

## SARRC Members

Membership in SARRC is open to all first sellers of oil, oil filters, diesel exhaust fluid, diesel fuel filters or antifreeze in Saskatchewan, as defined in the Used Petroleum and Antifreeze Products Collection Regulations. As of December 31, 2025, there are 229 partner Members.

Please refer to the website for the most recent Member List:  
<http://usedoilrecyclingsk.com/members/>.

## Collection Facilities

Collection facilities serve small-volume users, including “do-it-yourselfers”, farm operators, and small businesses, who generate 15–20% of the used oil and antifreeze materials in Saskatchewan. Many individuals and businesses operate these voluntary collection facilities to gather used oil, filters, antifreeze, as well as oil, antifreeze, and DEF containers, from businesses and the public. There are 78 such collection locations across Saskatchewan where you can drop off used oil, oil filters, antifreeze, as well as used oil, antifreeze and DEF containers for recycling.



## Dedicated EcoCentres

EcoCentres are purpose-built facilities that have opened for do-it-yourselfers, farmers and small business operators who change their own oil and antifreeze and generate smaller quantities of used materials. Thirty-seven EcoCentres, located throughout the province, are listed under collection facilities on SARRC’s website.

Combining voluntary collection facilities and EcoCentres, there are a total of 115 collection points. Please contact SARRC or visit our website at [www.usedoilrecyclingsk.com](http://www.usedoilrecyclingsk.com) for their exact locations and specific hours of operation.

## The Needs for and Benefits of SARRC’s Program

On average, Saskatchewan businesses and residents purchase between 35 and 40 million litres of oil annually. Before the program was introduced, less than one-quarter of that amount was collected and recycled. Much of the balance was improperly discarded in fields, ditches, drains, and roads.

Another three to five million litres of used antifreeze are generated annually in Saskatchewan. Used antifreeze is toxic and must be handled with care to protect the environment and prevent humans and animals from inadvertently ingesting it.

In addition to the used oil and antifreeze generated, Saskatchewan businesses and residents use approximately 2.5 million oil filters and nearly 1 million kilograms of oil, antifreeze, and DEF containers annually. Before the program was introduced, most were discarded.

Dumping used oil or antifreeze materials can harm the earth and water, causing damage to wildlife, humans, and their pets.



# 2025 Program Results Summary

The Used Oil, Filter, Antifreeze, and Container Recycling Program has been remarkably successful since its inception in 1996.

## Collected January 1 and December 31, 2025

- 17.4 million litres of used oil;
- 0.392 million litres of used antifreeze;
- 1.6 million used oil filters; and
- 0.424 million kilograms of used oil, antifreeze and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) containers.

## Collected since Program Start - Oct 1997 to Dec 2025

- 477.4 million litres of used oil;
- 3.29 million litres of used antifreeze since April 1, 2014 (program addition)
- 48.4 million used oil filters; and
- 9.4 million kilograms of used oil, antifreeze and diesel exhaust fluid (DEF) containers.

## Collected and Recycled in 2025

	Sold	Amount Collected	Amount Recycled	Collection Rate (amount collected/ amount available)	Recycling rate (amount recycled/ amount available)
Oil (l)	37,499,104	17,424,393	17,424,393	67%	67%
Antifreeze (l)	5,282,679	568,736	392,732	29%	20%
Filters (kg)	998,200	1,037,500	908,954	104%	91%
Filters (units)	2,397,577	1,662,500	1,662,500	69%	69%
Containers (l)	20,228,327				
Containers (kg)	932,435	424,496	424,496	60%	60%

## Recycled Products

Used oil is reprocessed into re-refined lubricating oil, industrial burner fuel and other products. Used oil filters are processed into structural metal shapes to manufacture industrial and agricultural products. Plastic oil, antifreeze, and DEF containers are recycled into industrial posts, railroad crossings, plastic pipes, and new containers. Plastic 20-litre pails are refilled with bulk lubricants or cleaned and reused for a vast number of applications. Used antifreeze is highly recyclable, with most used antifreeze being processed into new commercial antifreeze.

## Greenhouse Gas Estimates

It is estimated that SARRC's program saved 53,979 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent in 2025. That's equivalent to taking about 18,049 passenger vehicles off the road or the energy used by over 23,693 homes in one year.

\* Based on Natural Resources Canada's greenhouse gas equivalencies calculator.

## GHG Emissions Tracking

SARRC began tracking greenhouse gas emissions in 2017; since then, the program has saved over 427,999 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> equivalent, equivalent to taking 143,114 passenger vehicles off the road or the energy used by 187,865 homes in a year—that's something we can all be proud of!

## Program Benefits

- SARRC's Used Oil, Filter, Antifreeze and Container Recycling Program promotes and facilitates the recovery of valuable, non-renewable resources.
- It protects the environment by diverting materials from landfills and inappropriate areas, such as fields, ditches, and watercourses.
- It creates new business and job opportunities for Saskatchewan residents.
- It provides a single, comprehensive, cost-effective, sustainable and provincewide program in harmony with similar programs in British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Quebec, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Newfoundland and Labrador, Nova Scotia, Yukon and Ontario.

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