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**Oil and
Water Don't Mix.**

**Fix That
Leak!**

**Every year oil and
other automotive
fluids find their way to
our streams and other
waterways, endangering
wildlife and our
drinking water supply.**

Message brought to you by your municipality
in partnership with Chester-Ridley-Crum
Watersheds Association's **Joint Municipal
MS4 Stormwater Program.**

Source: EPA and Washington State
Department of Ecology (2012).

Stop the sheen - keep our water clean!

Oil and water don't mix. Just one pint of oil can create a slick larger than a football field. Motor oil takes a long time to break down in water and sticks to everything from beach sand to bird feathers and fish gills. It is toxic to people, wildlife and plants. Even small leaks from improperly maintained vehicles are collectively polluting our creeks and drinking water.

Did you know that just one gallon of oil can contaminate one million gallons of drinking water? Oil-contaminated runoff makes its way from roads and driveways into storm drains and ultimately our streams. Americans are responsible for 180 million gallons of used motor oil escaping into our waterways each year!

The leak stops here!

- Check cars and equipment for oil leaks regularly and have them fixed promptly.
- Keep your car tuned to reduce oil use.
- Use drip pans under your vehicles when you change the oil.
- Clean up spills with oil absorbent material or cloths and then sweep. Never hose the area!

- Recycle used motor oil.

Delaware County:

<http://www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle/auto.html>

or Chester County:

www.chestercounty.org/index.aspx?nid=176

**Remember - when your car is leaking oil on
the street, it is not just leaking on the street!**