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ADVISORY – Please post

Waste motor oil heaters are illegal in California

Recently the District has received a number of calls about the use of waste crankcase oil shop heaters in Mendocino County. Although Federal law may allow the use of these heaters in other states, California law strictly forbids the burning of waste oil.

The use of these heaters is a direct violation of Section 25250 of the California Health and Safety code which regulates the disposal of waste motor oil. Section 25250 is enforced by the Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) and local agencies.

Please be advised that the use and sale of waste crankcase oil heaters can result in fines and possible criminal charges.

Please contact the Department of Toxics Substances Control (800) 728-6942 with questions or for more information.

Citation - H&S Code 25250.5.

“(a) The disposal of used oil by discharge to sewers, drainage systems, surface water or groundwater, watercourses, or marine waters; by **incineration or burning as fuel**; or by deposit on land, is prohibited,..”