



# FACT SHEET

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## Recycling: Vehicle Repair & Fleet Operations

***Have a positive impact on the environment and possibly save money by rethinking, reducing, reusing, and recycling.***

Going green at your garage is the right thing to do environmentally. It reduces your carbon footprint and helps SWACO save precious landfill space for items we cannot recycle. But by going green you could also save some green. As you rethink, reduce, reuse, and recycle you cut the amount of trash you send to your dumpster. If less is hauled away from your operations, you may save on hauling costs.

Waste Audits are a great way to determine what you shouldn't or don't need to throw away. Find a sample waste audit at: [www.swaco.org/WasteAudit.aspx](http://www.swaco.org/WasteAudit.aspx).

### ***Recycle & Reuse Tips***

1. Recap or recycle tires. Old tires can be shredded and the rubber used for playgrounds, mulch, or mixed with asphalt for roadways.
2. Request products made with recycled content.
3. Work with your suppliers to reduce packaging. It cuts waste and saves you floor space in your storeroom.
4. Collect & recycle old vehicle parts. There are a number of metal recyclers in the Columbus area. See the yellow pages under "recycling centers & services" or go to [www.swaco.org](http://www.swaco.org) for a list.
5. Recycle used oil, oil filters, & vehicles batteries. Check with your suppliers to see if they can help.
6. Don't forget the front office. Recycle clean office paper, cardboard and more. Many haulers want good clean paper and cardboard and may be willing to deal for it.
7. Check the back of this sheet for more information."



## Recycle in the shop and the office



### Need Help Getting Started?

Contact SWACO at (614) 871-5100. This fact sheet and other SWACO publications can be viewed and printed from the SWACO website: [www.swaco.org](http://www.swaco.org).



## For More Information

### Where To Recycle

Check with your supplier. Many times they offer recycling of what they sell to you. Also check the Yellow Pages, and below for web sites and phone numbers of trade organizations and government offices that can lead you on the road to recycling particular products.

#### Tires

Liberty Tire      614-871-8097  
[www.libertytire.com](http://www.libertytire.com)

#### Trade Associations & Governments

Association of Ohio Recyclers  
[www.aor-omex.org](http://www.aor-omex.org)

Filter Manufacturers Association  
[www.filtercouncil.org](http://www.filtercouncil.org)

Steel Recycling Institute  
[www.recycle-steel.org](http://www.recycle-steel.org)

Aluminum Association  
[www.aluminum.org](http://www.aluminum.org)

The Society of the Plastics Industry  
[www.plasticsindustry.org/outreach/recycling](http://www.plasticsindustry.org/outreach/recycling)

American Forest & Paper Association  
[www.afandpa.org](http://www.afandpa.org)

Glass Packaging Institute  
[www.gpi.org](http://www.gpi.org)

American Petroleum Institute  
[www.recycleoil.org](http://www.recycleoil.org)

Ohio Department of Natural Resources  
Division of recycling and Litter Prevention  
[www.odnr.state.oh.us/recycling](http://www.odnr.state.oh.us/recycling)

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
[www.epa.state.oh.us](http://www.epa.state.oh.us)

Earth911  
[www.earth911.com](http://www.earth911.com)

National Recycling Coalition  
<http://www.nrc-recycle.org>