

SUGGESTIONS on Cleaning Automotive Oil/Fluid Spills

For FRESH oil spots or puddles. Oil that is **still wet** all you need to do is sprinkle **one** of these on the oil.



- sawdust
- cat litter
- baking soda
- oil absorbing product (K-Sorb)

Wait 20 minutes and sweep it up.

PREVENT the spot/puddle - Put a something

(container/cardboard/old cookie sheet), etc. under the vehicle to prevent the drip from touching the ground until you can get the vehicle repaired.

For OLD oil stains.

- Using inexpensive, non-clumping cat litter, sprinkle a healthy amount of it onto the oil stain.
- Once it's completely covered, put on a pair of boots and start walking on the stuff. Grind it into the stain as much as possible and spread it around real good.
- Once that's done, let it sit for about an hour and sweep it all up.

OR

- Using grease cutting dish soap, squirt it on the stain.
- Rub it in with a stiff brush.
- Using HOT water sparingly, pour it on the spot and BLOT up the water with rags or newspapers.
- Repeat if you feel it necessary.



If you must use water follow these helpful hints:



- Capture the water; place materials around the area to be cleaned (rolls of old towels, sand bags, etc.);
- Use water sparingly (bucket & mop);
- Wet vacuum or use absorbent materials to pick up the water captured; and
- Dispose of dirty water in sanitary sewer and soiled absorbent as household hazardous waste.
- The City hosts a monthly household hazardous waste (HHW) event, visit www.lake-elsinore.org for more details.