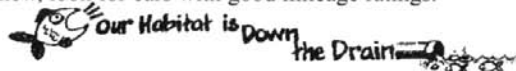


**Clean Ocean Action's
10 Tips
For Drivers**



- 1. Drive less.** Cars pollute. Car-pool, use mass-transit, cycle, or walk. The more fossil fuels conserved, the less need there is to drill and ship oil.
- 2. Don't be idle.** Turn off your car if idling for more than a few minutes, such as waiting at a drawbridge or waiting for someone to run an errand. This will conserve fuel and reduce air pollution.
- 3. Check your tires.** Poorly inflated tires can result in up to 10% fuel loss. Ask your tire dealer or county solid waste coordinator about recycling old tires.
- 4. Check for leaks.** Leaky gaskets, radiators, and engine parts drip staggering amounts of oil, anti-freeze, and other automotive toxics onto roads, parking lots, and driveways, which eventually wash into waterways. **These leaks nationally are estimated to equal the Exxon Valdez spill - 10.9 million gallons of petroleum - every eight months,** according to a 2002 National Academy of Sciences report. Additionally, more than half the oil runoff in North America occurs from Maine to Virginia.
- 5. Keep your car in tune.** Keeping your car properly tuned up results in 5% better fuel efficiency and cleaner emissions. Frequent automotive check-ups will also detect leaks and other pollution problems.
- 6. Change oil frequently.** Frequent oil changes will give better mileage and a cleaner burning engine.
- 7. Recycle used oil and anti-freeze.** Never pour them down storm drains or "behind the garage." By law, service stations that do oil changes must also accept used motor oil. Anti-freeze can be recycled at household hazardous waste disposal sites. Call your county solid waste coordinator for details. Non-toxic anti-freeze is available at most automotive stores.
- 8. Avoid air conditioning.** Using gas-hogging air conditioning as sparingly as possible will give your car's fuel economy a real boost. Air conditioning can drag down fuel economy by 10 to 20 percent.
- 9. Donate your tired car** to an organization.
- 10. Production of a new car uses many more resources than buying a used one.** Consider a reconditioned fuel-efficient or hybrid car. If buying new, look for cars with good mileage ratings.



Nonpoint source or "pointless" pollution is the number one cause of coastal water pollution. Pointless pollution is caused by many sources, including runoff of litter, pet waste, fertilizers, pesticides and soil erosion, leaky septic systems, and faulty sewage and stormwater systems. Though people and their everyday habits are often the source of pollution, we can easily become the solution. By keeping informed and making small changes, you can make our ocean fishable, swimmable, and healthy.

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