

## Disposal of Antifreeze

Antifreeze is added to your radiator to protect the radiator fluid from freezing in very cold weather. It also keeps your car from overheating on a very hot day. Antifreeze is commonly known as Ethylene Glycol.

Antifreeze has to be replaced. Radiators should be flushed every one to two years in order to maintain peak system performance. Proper disposal of the used antifreeze is a major environmental concern.

Antifreeze should be recycled and never put down storm drains or placed in the garbage. When antifreeze is disposed of improperly, it can flow into waterways where it can kill fish and other animals. It can also seep through the soil and into the groundwater.

Ethylene Glycol has a sweet smell and taste and can be very attractive to children and pets. It is **HIGHLY** toxic. Drinking Ethylene Glycol will cause heart and breathing difficulty, kidney failure, brain damage and possible death. Used antifreeze may also contain metals, such as copper, zinc, and lead which can be very harmful to one's health.

Always store antifreeze in the original container. Do not remove the label. Contact appropriate county authorities for proper recycling information or hazardous material collection programs.

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