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**REMINDER THAT DUMPING USED MOTOR OIL
IS PROHIBITED BY LAW**

(LIMA, OH) – The dumping of used motor oil and other engine fluids into storm sewers and waterways are prohibited by state and federal law. That reminder was issued today by Russ Decker, Director of the Allen County Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management.

Elida Fire Department crews along with responders from the county Hazardous Materials Team and the Ohio EPA responded to just such a release Tuesday afternoon on East Road. Approximately 20 gallons of used motor oil and other fluids was recovered from a pair of catch basins in the 5100 block of East Road.

“We occasionally get these types of calls, and it’s frustrating that someone would dump their old oil here rather than properly dispose of it at any one of more than a dozen oil recycling sites in Allen County.” Decker said. “What’s really upsetting is that in those cases where the oils are illegally disposed of and authorities discover the release, then the taxpayers, from American Township and Allen County in this case, end up footing a clean up bill.”

Clean up and response costs for the East Road incident are estimated at \$1,000.

Decker urges citizens who see someone dumping used oil or other fluids down sewers or into creeks and rivers to contact local law enforcement agencies immediately. Illegal dumpers face state and federal criminal charges and could receive fines, jail sentences, or both.

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