

An Environmental Checklist for Auto Dismantlers

This environmental checklist has been prepared to help you find out if you are doing the right thing in relation to the environment. The questions are designed to help you think about the various aspects of your business that could be having an effect on the environment and to give you some ideas on how you could improve your environmental performance.

Use the information in this package to get started on an environmental program. Contact your local council, industry association or the EPA if you would like more information.

If you answer NO to any of these questions you could be harming the environment, breaking the law and leaving your business vulnerable to fines and prosecution under environmental legislation.

CAN YOU ANSWER YES TO THESE QUESTIONS?

Water quality management

Stormwater

Do you have any features or procedures in place to prevent stormwater pollution?

Yes No N/A

Are the stormwater drains around your business free of pollution? (litter, grease, oil, etc)

Yes No N/A

Do you do all dismantling work inside your workshop?

Yes No N/A

Is your workshop fully enclosed and sealed?

Yes No N/A

Do you store all parts so that there can be no spill or leaks to the stormwater system?

Yes No N/A

Do you store all waste oil and chemicals in a covered, bunded area or inside the workshop in an area that drains to a corrugated plate interceptor (CPI)?

Yes No N/A

Do you use a broom instead of a hose to sweep and clean up the surface areas around your premises?

Yes No N/A

Wastewater

Do you have a trade waste agreement or permit?

Yes No N/A

Do you have a CPI for pre-treatment of your wastewater?

Yes No N/A

Is your CPI regularly maintained?

Yes No N/A

Waste management

Are all your wastes stored in a contained area to prevent pollution of stormwater drains?

Yes No N/A

Have you looked at all the waste generated from your business?

Yes No N/A

Do you separate any of your wastes (items for reuse, return to supplier, recycling)?

Yes No N/A

If a supplier was willing to take back packaging wastes (e.g. crates, plastic drums), would you use this service?

Yes No N/A

Do you recycle or reuse:
oil?

Yes No N/A

scrap metal and parts?

Yes No N/A

batteries?

Yes No N/A

solvents?

Yes No N/A

aluminium cans?

Yes No N/A

glass containers?

Yes No N/A

paper and cardboard?

Yes No N/A

PET plastic?

Yes No N/A

other?

Yes No N/A

Do you have a waste contractor to transport and dispose of:

waste oil?

Yes No N/A

waste solvents?

Yes No N/A

waste acidic and caustic cleaning chemicals?

Yes No N/A

waste oil filters?

Yes No N/A

waste tyres?

Yes No N/A

Air quality management

Do you try to stop dust and fumes from leaving your premises?
 Yes No N/A

If you install, service or decommission vehicle air conditioners are you authorised and do you adhere to the Code of Practice for the Control of Fluorocarbon Emissions in Motor Vehicle Air Conditioners?
 Yes No N/A

Do you use water-based or biodegradable strippers, cleaners and degreasers wherever possible?
 Yes No N/A

Do you use a dedicated parts clearer with a lid?
 Yes No N/A

Hazardous materials

Do you store your hazardous materials (such as coolants, fuels and solvents) in a bunded, covered area that will not allow any materials to be spilled or washed into stormwater?
 Yes No N/A

Do you know whether you store Dangerous Goods?
 Yes No N/A

If you store Dangerous Goods (e.g. petrol, LPG) do you know whether you need a licence from the WorkCover Authority?
 Yes No N/A

Do you have all relevant material safety data sheets (MSDS)?
 Yes No N/A

Do you have a spill procedure or kit?
 Yes No N/A

Noise management

Are you aware of the effects of your noise on your neighbours?
 Yes No N/A

Do you regularly check and carry out maintenance on noisy equipment (e.g. compressors, grinders, generators)?
 Yes No N/A

Management of premises

Have you made any changes in your business for environmental reasons?
 Yes No N/A

Do you have an environmental policy or plan?
 Yes No N/A

Are your staff aware of your commitment to improving the environment?
 Yes No N/A

Are your customers aware of your commitment to improving the environment?
 Yes No N/A

Now that you have completed this checklist and identified the areas where you can make improvements:

- Read through the environmental information sheets.
- Get started on an environmental improvement program that will be good for you, your staff and your customers.

THANK YOU FOR CARING ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT!