



Announcing Recent Updates to the AIA's Waste Management Guidelines

Overwhelmed with Environmental Regulations?

During your day-to-day work routine, do you ever get the feeling that your business is burdened with health, safety, and environmental regulations? Well, if you do, you are not alone. And you are right! Check the Regulations Summary table below, and you will see that the aftermarket industry is very heavily regulated by federal, provincial and municipal regulations and by-laws. How do you keep up? What's new this month? So what's a person to do?

There is Good News! The AIA has just completed a thorough up-date of the Waste Management Guidelines. This easy to read manual provides a 'one stop shopping' Guide for members across Canada who want to keep up with the ever-tightening regulatory environment that dominates the automotive aftermarket landscape.

Environmental Regulations Dominate our Landscape

Many Chemicals	TDG, CEPA, WHMIS
Refrigerants	ODS regulations
Used Oil	Used Oil regulations
Scrap Tires	Scrap Tire regulations
Paints, solvents, cleaners	VOC regulations
Consumer labels & containers	CCCR 2001 regulations
Waste water	Municipal Sewer Use By-laws
Batteries, antifreeze, sludge	Hazardous waste regulations

So What's New?

The revisions have resulted in a number of significant changes to the manual:

- ✓ The major changes have occurred in Sections 2 and 5. Both sections have been brought up-to-date with the new Clear Language Transportation of Dangerous Goods regulations, including changes in the classification of hazardous goods such as waste antifreeze and used oil. Section 5 has been revised to include valuable information on new and amended provincial used oil regulations, changes to the Environmental Protection Act in Newfoundland, new pollution prevention initiatives in Ontario, and amendments to petroleum storage and handling related regulations in Manitoba and Nova Scotia.
- ✓ Section 2 contains new information on best practices for handling and disposal of waste automotive products, including batteries, and brake liners.
- ✓ Information on the new sewer use by-laws in Toronto and Vancouver have been included in Section 4, along with plans being made by other municipalities to tighten discharges to sewers.

Compliance Image & Profitability

The AIA's Waste Management Guidelines can provide you with a number of key benefits, not the least of which is assisting you with your current compliance efforts. This not only keeps your business in line with the growing list of new regulations, but also improves its image, and its appeal to new customers.

The generation of waste, and the handling, storage, transportation, and disposal of it represent a hit on a company's bottom line. So, the less waste generated, the more money is left to re-invest in your business, or improve its profitability. The AIA's newly revised Waste Management Guidelines Manual is a valuable resource because it can provide practical tips on waste recycling, waste reduction, and re-using some of those wastes you currently spend money to dispose.