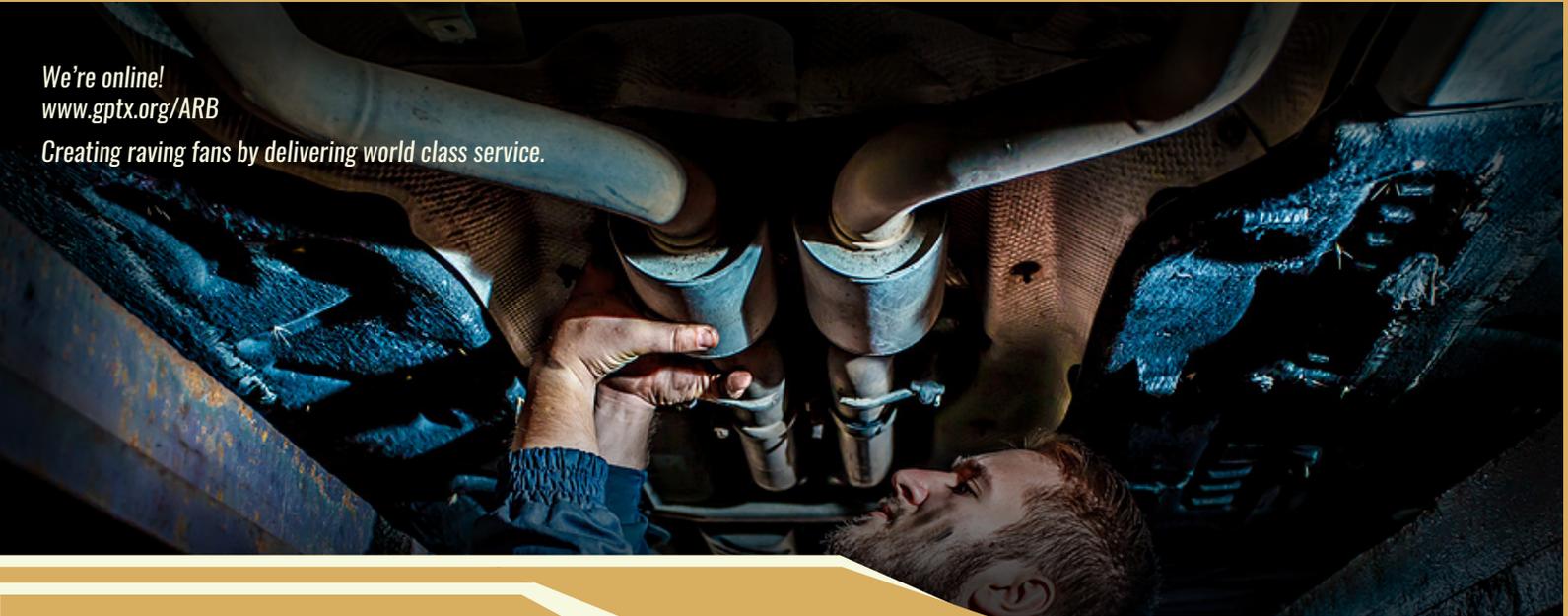


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HOW CAN YOUR BUSINESS PARTICIPATE IN CLEAN PRAIRIE?

The Clean Prairie Companies program was developed to encourage businesses to participate in beautification efforts at their own business and throughout the community. This is a tiered certification program: Bronze, Silver, or Gold. To earn Bronze certification, businesses must earn 10-30 points, Silver is 31-50 points, and Gold is 51+ points. Each level earns different rewards that recognize the business for its efforts.

Auto-related businesses that pass a Clean Shop Inspection automatically certify at the Bronze level. Here are ways that you can participate:

- Maintain landscaping and keep your property litter free.
- Keep a spill kit at the facility.
- Keep the shop and inventory organized.
- Maintain parking lot and clearly mark parking/fire lanes.
- Maintain fire exits and minimum of 36" egress aisles within the building storage area.
- Make any improvements requested by inspector.

Please visit www.gptx.org/cleanprairie for more information.

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USED OIL AND FILTER DISPOSAL

Businesses that remove used oils or spent engine lubrication oils from a vehicle are considered a “Used Oil Generator.” According to federal, state, and local regulations, used oil generators are required to manage used oil as a non-hazardous waste. Used oil must not be mixed with any other liquids such as antifreeze, brake cleaner, paint thinner, chemicals, or solvents.

Businesses that remove used oil filters from vehicles are considered a “Used Oil Filter Generator.” You must register as a Used Oil Filter Collection Center with the TCEQ if you collect used oil filters from the public or other shops. You can use the TCEQ website, <https://www.tceq.texas.gov>, to register online. For more information about registering your business please visit the TCEQ’s Small Business and Local Government Assistance at TexasEnviroHelp.org or call 1-800-447-2827.



Here are few ways to manage used oil and used oil filters properly:

- Used oil and used oil filters must be stored in containers or tanks that are in good condition and clearly labeled.
- If you store more than six 55-gallon drums of used oil filters you must register as a storage facility.
- Manifests must be kept on all recycling activities and stored onsite for inspection. Records must be retained for three years.
- A registered waste hauler with the EPA and TCEQ is required to remove all wastes.
- All spills must be stopped, contained, and cleaned properly.

**WHAT STEPS WILL YOU
TAKE TO IMPROVE
AIR QUALITY ON**

**CLEAN AIR
ACTION DAY
AUGUST 4?**



USED BATTERY STORAGE AND DISPOSAL

Batteries contain lead and corrosive acids which have damaging health affects for humans and the environment. If a battery is stored outside it could corrode and release harmful chemicals into the soil, ground, and surface water. Lead can cause joint pain, kidney damage, and neurological damage. Some metals found in batteries, like nickel and cadmium, are also human carcinogens.

Article XX Section 13-545(b) prohibits the storage of materials used in connection with the repair of vehicles, vehicle parts or any other related materials outside an enclosed building. Batteries must be stored inside, and spills must be cleaned up immediately. A registered waste hauler is required for disposal and the manifests must be kept and available for review for three years. Training your employees about the dangers of storing batteries incorrectly is an important step in protecting your business and the environment.

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Green

Air Quality is good and safe for everyone.

Yellow

Air Quality is moderate and unhealthy for very sensitive groups.

Orange

Air Quality is unhealthy for sensitive groups (ex: older adults, children, & people with disease).

Red

Air Quality is poor and unhealthy for everyone.

TEXAS TROUBLE

A used vehicle dealership in Matagorda County was fined \$2,063 for failing to ensure a motor vehicle is equipped with either the emission control system or devices that were originally part of the motor vehicle engine or an alternate emission control system prior to selling the vehicle and failing to display a notice of the prohibitions and requirements of 30 TAC 114.20 at a commercial vehicle sales facility.



An auto body repair and finishing shop in Harris County was fined \$938 for failing to obtain air authorization prior to constructing or modifying a source of air contaminants.

A scrap tire dealer and repair shop was fined \$13,500 for failing to retain all manifests, work orders, and invoices showing the collection and disposal of all used or scrap tires for three years, failing to obtain a scrap tire storage site registration, and failing to ensure that scrap tires are transported to an authorized scrap tire facility.

An automotive service shop in Tom Green County was fined \$450 for failing to clearly label used oil storage containers and failing to maintain a bill of lading for each shipment of used oil filters.

An auto body facility in Maverick County was fined \$3,675 for failing to obtain an air permit prior for operation, failing to use work orders to manage scrap tires generated on-site, failing to label used oil storage containers, and failing to clean up an oil spill.

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