

Checklist of Questions to Ask Vendors Who Wish to Handle Used Oil Filters/Absorbents

Does the vendor:

1. Have a solid waste transportation license issued by WDNR for hauling solid waste and recyclables in Wisconsin?
2. Have adequate insurance?
3. Show a willingness to discuss their experience in this field and their record in transporting these types of material?
4. Clearly state which materials they collect (used oil filters, clay absorbents, uniforms, shop rags, pads, booms, etc.)?
5. Provide detail on how the materials are processed (cleaned and reused, burned for energy recovery, etc.)?
6. State how and for how long the materials are stored (not exposed to the elements, not stockpiled, etc.)?
7. Show a willingness to provide a record of collection (shipping records, bills of lading, etc.) as well as a record of disposal, destruction or reclamation, including the next level of processing if the company does not process the material themselves? This is especially important for future liability concerns.
8. Clearly state and detail all charges, service fees, container fees, etc.?
9. Welcome site visits/audits from prospective customers?
10. Show a willingness to provide references?

This checklist has been prepared to help you determine the best vendor for your company. The transportation license is the only legal requirement listed. Of course, other considerations, such as price and quality of service, should be evaluated for each company before a decision is made.