

The automotive aftermarket industry was green long before being green was mainstream.



Here are some of the industry's widespread efforts on behalf of the environment.

Recycling Engine Oil – 95 percent of companies surveyed indicated they recycle used engine oil. Forty percent of oil pollution of our nation's harbors and waterways is a result of improper collection, disposal or recycling of motor oil.

Remanufacturing Parts – Nearly 58 percent of companies surveyed by AAIA manufacture, distribute, use or sell remanufactured products. The yearly raw materials saved by remanufacturing worldwide would fill 155,000 railroad cars forming a train 1,110 miles long.

Recycling...

- **Tires** – More than 300 million tires are scrapped annually, or about one tire per person in the United States.
- **Oil Filters** – 100 percent recycling of used oil filters would allow recovering 160,000 tons of steel – enough to make 16 new stadiums the size of Atlanta's Olympic Stadium!
- **Wood Pallets** – Recycling 720,000 wood pallets per year is equivalent to saving 212,000 trees.
- **Cardboard and Paper** – Every bale of cardboard that is recycled saves 17 trees, 7,000 gallons of water, 380 gallons of oil and enough energy to heat a home in the U.S. for six months.
- **Batteries** – An estimated 63.3 million automotive batteries were recycled last year, equal to 1.4 billion pounds of lead.
- **Parts Cleaning Solvents** – 91 percent of companies surveyed indicated they recycle dangerous parts cleaning solvents.
- **Scrap Metal** – The energy saved from recycling one ton of aluminum is equal to the amount of electricity the average home uses over 10 years.
- **Plastics** – Producing new plastic products from recycled materials uses 66 percent less energy than is required to make products from raw materials.

Vehicle Maintenance – A properly maintained vehicle is more fuel-efficient and cleaner running, having a direct positive impact on the environment.