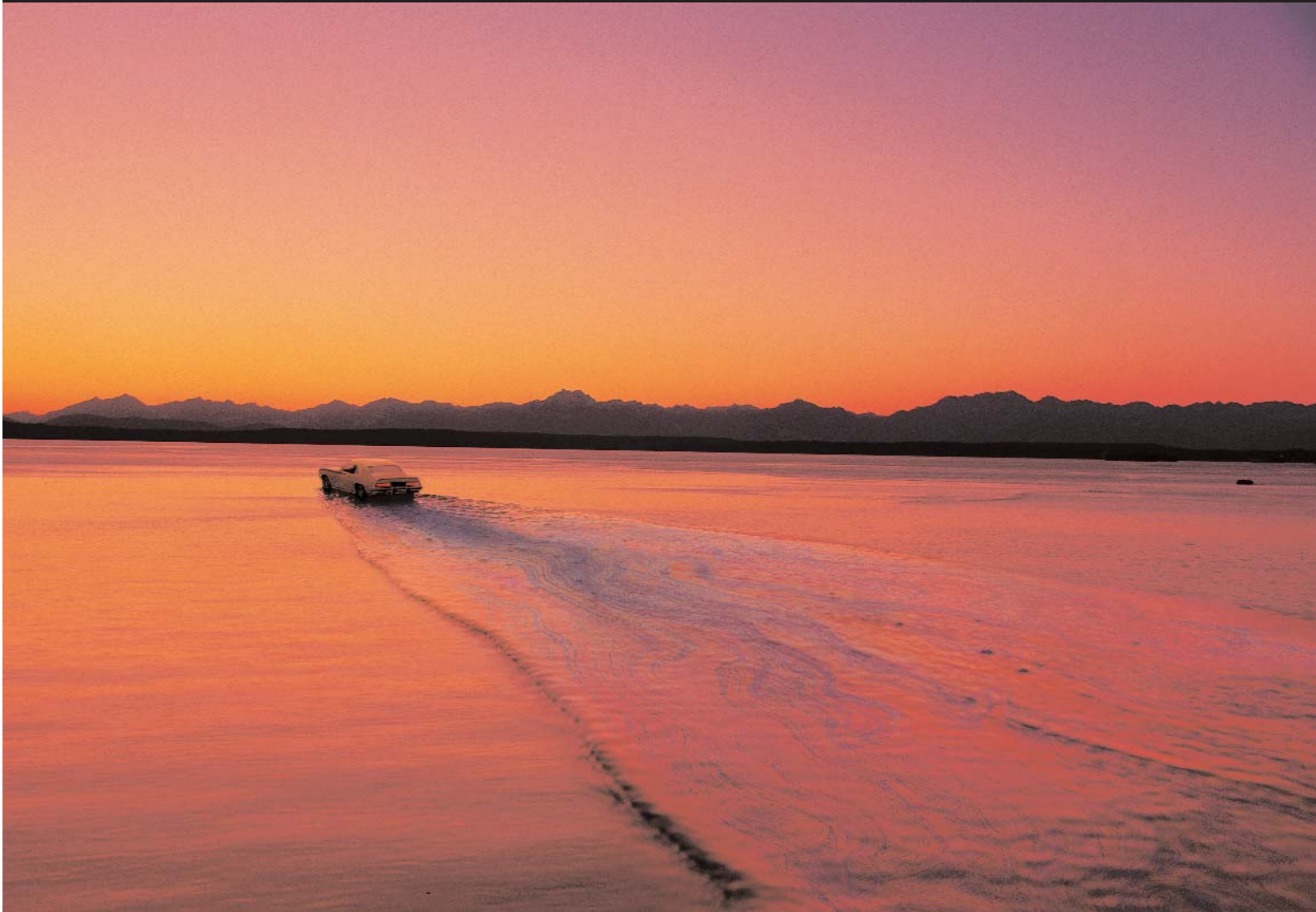


WHEN YOUR CAR LEAKS OIL ON THE STREET, REMEMBER IT'S NOT JUST LEAKING OIL ON THE STREET



Leaking oil goes from your car to the street and is washed from the street into the storm drain and into our lakes, streams and bays. Imagine the number of cars in the area and you can imagine the amount of oil that finds its way from leaky gaskets into our water. So please, fix oil leaks.



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CLEAN WATER IS IMPORTANT TO ALL OF US

It's up to all of us to make it happen. In recent years, sources of water pollution like industrial wastes from factories have been greatly reduced. Now, more than 60 percent of water pollution comes from things like cars leaking oil, fertilizers from farms and gardens, and failing septic tanks. All these sources add up to a big pollution problem. Each of us can do small things to help clean up our water and that adds up to a pollution solution!

Why do we need clean water?

Clean water is important to our health and economy. Clean water provides recreation, commercial opportunities, fish habitat, drinking water, and adds beauty to our landscape. We all benefit from clean water and each of us play an important role in keeping our surface and ground waters clean.

What's the problem with motor oil?

Oil does not dissolve in water. Oil spills last a long time and can stick to everything from beach sand to bird feathers. Oil and other petroleum products are toxic to people, wildlife and plants. One pint of oil can make a slick larger than a football field. Oil that leaks from our cars onto roads and driveways is washed into storm drains, or directly to a lake or stream. Used motor oil is the largest single source of oil pollutants in our lakes, streams and rivers. Americans spill about 180 million gallons of used oil each year into our waters. This is 16 times the amount spilled by the Exxon Valdez in Alaska.

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Clean Water tip:

How can you use and change your motor oil and help keep our waters clean?

Stop drips. Check for oil leaks regularly and fix them promptly. Keep your car tuned to reduce oil use.

Use ground cloths or drip pans beneath your vehicle if you have leaks or are doing engine work. Clean up spills immediately. Collect all used oil in containers with tight fitting lids. Do not mix different engine fluids.

Never dispose of oil or other engine fluids down the storm drain, on the ground or into a ditch.

Recycle used motor oil. Many auto supply stores and gas stations will accept used oil.

Buy recycled (re-refined) motor oil to use in your car.

To find out more about where you can take used oil call Project Rose
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