

Wheels: Vittal writes, “I change my own oil and take used oil to Auto Zone for disposal. Can I simply put the old oil filter in the trash?”

Halderman: If you change the oil and filter yourself, there is the issue of properly disposing of the old oil and filter which must be done according to very exact procedures. For example, the oil filter must be hot drained for 24 hours before disposing of it, and the oil drained must to be sent for re-cycling or proper disposal.

Hot draining is when the filter is placed in a container and allowed to drain. The oil from the filter should be taken for recycling and after hot draining, the filter can be disposed of in regular trash.

