



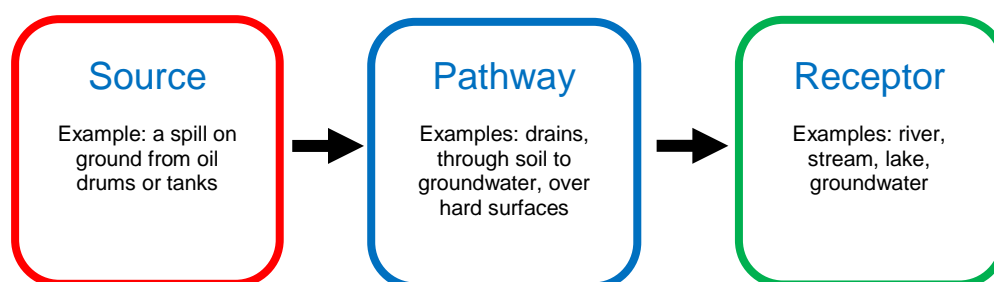
Environmental Protection

(General advice)

Petrol, diesel and waste oils are considered hazardous waste and must be disposed of in a safe manner that protects the environment. If fuels and oils are allowed to enter the environment they can cause long lasting damage and contamination, particularly to marine environments.

If petrol is allowed to enter the ground, drainage system or sewers it may travel significant distances from the point of entry, causing not only pollution but also dangerous and explosive atmospheres anywhere along its pathway.

The recovery of fuels and oils once they have entered the ground is very difficult to achieve as they tend to bind to the soil and may even partially dissolve in water, this can lead to contamination of drinking water and water courses remote from the point of entry.



You can transport your own domestic waste to a permitted waste site, but you may need to register as a waste carrier or apply for a waste permit, depending on what waste you are carrying and how often you do it.

Only specialised licensed waste sites can dispose of waste petrol. Sites that carry out the recycling of end of life vehicles often have facilities to process waste petrol, diesel and oils, however there may be a charge for this service.

This information is not intended to fully detail all the specific legislation relating to waste disposal or protection of the environment, and therefore should you require further information or advice please contact your local trading standards office as detailed below.