HOW TO MANAGE YOUR GARAGE WASTES

HAZARDOUS WASTES
- The main Hazardous Wastes generated in garages are:
  - Waste oil, oil filters and solid oily wastes (rags and saw dust)
  - Lead acid batteries
  - Coolants, antifreeze and brake fluid
- Always try to store hazardous wastes in dry or bunded areas to avoid them getting into the sewer system. A bunded area is sealed and contained and should hold any liquids that spill or leak from holding containers
- When hazardous wastes are taken away by permitted waste collectors make sure you get a record called a C1 form (not needed for waste oil)
- This form should have all the relevant details for your waste contractor on it (waste licence and/or permit number)
- You must keep your C1 forms for at least 3 years

WASTE OIL
- Waste Oil is also a Hazardous Waste
- Always store waste oil in a suitable drum or metal storage tank
- Never burn waste oil in a (waste) oil burner – it is illegal and may pose a risk to your health
- Reduce oil spills around your garage by using an air powered waste oil drainer
- Ensure your waste oil is only removed by a permitted waste collector and you always obtain a written record from them
- Keep waste oil removal records for at least 2 years

BATTERIES & TYRES
- Make sure your batteries are sourced from validly registered producers - you can check on www.weeeregister.ie
- If you supply batteries, you are required to take back waste batteries similar to the type that you sell
- If you are a supplier of Tyres, make sure that you are registered with TRACS - Tyre Recovery Activity Compliance Scheme www.tracsireland.ie - or registered with your local authority
- Only transfer waste batteries and/or waste tyres to collectors that are authorised to collect these wastes
- Ensure that these wastes are sent to appropriately permitted or licensed waste recovery facilities

RECYCLABLES & GENERAL WASTE
- Never put hazardous waste into the general waste - this includes anything oily like rags, saw dust or oily air filters
- Your mixed wastes and recyclables should only be collected by registered collectors
- Always separate your metal wastes. Even if you only have small amounts you can often get money back for this instead of paying for it to be taken away
- Get a bin for your recyclables - this will reduce the amount of general waste you have to pay for and cut your waste costs
- Waste management has changed a lot in the past few years so talk to different waste contractors about the wastes you have and how best to manage them – there are potential savings through good waste management

For more Information check out the Smart Garage Guide which is available from your local authority or online at: www.ctc-cork.ie