

Purchasing Motor Oil Summary

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Standard specifications for buying lubricating motor oil must include re-refined or recycled lubricating motor oil, unless circumstances or equipment require specialized treatment. If specialized treatment is necessary, documented evidence to substantiate this exclusion must be submitted to the procurement commission or the appropriate purchasing agency of the political subdivision.

Municipalities may purchase re-refined or recycled lubricating motor oil through the central procurement office. This department compiles and publishes a list of businesses that commercially distribute re-refined or recycled lubricating motor oil. Prior to accepting competitive bids for a contract concerning lubricating motor oil, the municipality must notify each business entity on the list concerning such a proposed contract.

The T.C.A. citation for this topic is T.C.A. § 12-3-807.

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