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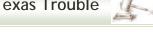


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Texas Trouble



An engine parts salvage and scrap metal operation in Dallas County was fined \$3,150 for failing to obtain storm water authorization prior to operation.

An auto transmission repair shop in Tarrant County was fined \$2,500 for failure to monitor the underground storage tanks for releases at the frequency of at least once per month.

A paint and body shop in Dallas County was fined \$6,300 for failing to obtain air authorization prior to operating the plant.

A waste container cleaning and repair facility in Harris County was fined \$19,800 for failing to obtain a permit for the storage and processing of industrial wastes, failing to keep records of all hazardous and industrial solid waste activities, failing to submit and provide accurate Annual Waste Summaries, failing to update the facility's Notice of Registration, failing to submit documentation demonstrating proper closure of waste management units, failing to conduct hazardous waste determinations and classifications, and failing to properly complete all manifests for the shipment of hazardous and Class 1 wastes.

An unauthorized municipal solid waste disposal site in Tom Green County was fined \$13,440 for failing to maintain records as a scrap tire transporter using a manifest system, failing to retain copies of manifests for a period of at least three years, failing to report annually regarding the transport of scrap tires, and failing to prevent unauthorized disposal of municipal solid waste.

A waste recycler in Tarrant County was fined \$2,250 for failing to complete a Notice of Intent to operate a recycling facility prior to commencement of new operations, failing to provide a Andrew Krentz closure cost estimate of combustible materials stored outdoors Env. Specialist at least 90 days prior to the receipt of materials, and failing to 972.237.8351 prevent acceptance of 12 cubic yards of recyclable water containing greater than 10% incidental non-recyclable waste.

Common Inspection Violations

- Certificate of Occupancy (C/O) not possessed / displayed
- 2. Non-compliance with C/O
- 3. Building address/suite number missing
- Unsanitary conditions
- Fire Hazards
- 6. Parking on unprepared surfaces, grass or dirt
- 7. Repairs performed outside of the shop
- 8. Excessive inoperable or junk cars, two permitted
- Outside storage of parts
- 10. Painting without approved and certified paint booth
- 11. Grass or vegetation, taller than twelve inches
- 12. Improper or dilapidated fencing
- 13. Dangerous building (hazardous structure, exposed wiring, missing or broken doors and/or windows)
- 14. Failure to produce or maintain manifests for disposal of tires, engine fluids, or batteries
- 15. Failure to utilize a dumpster for the disposal of rubbish, when rubbish accumulation is in excess of two bags per
- 16. Discharge oil or other fluids/substances to the ground or air

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2012 Main Street Cruise and Car Show

It's that time again! On Saturday the 16th of June, Main street will host the Fourth Annual Highway 80/Main Street Cruise and Farmer's Market Car Show. Last year set a record for the num ber of participants. Event corporate sponsors included Acker Transportation, Century Trucks, and the National Auto-body Parts Warehouse. Century Trucks held a second car show and party on their lot after the Farmer's Market event concluded.



We will again need corporate/business sponsors for promotional activities, printing, and awards. Sponsorship is a great way to have your business publicized and identified as a community leader.

We will also need individuals who are willing to assist as parade and show registration helpers. We will have the first event meeting in January of 2012. To participate in this event please contact:

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The ARB Program is proud to announce a new initiative to help our participants become better informed.

We invite all automotive related business owners or property owners to attend the ARB Com-The AUTOWATCH is a pliance meeting. A Continental Breakfast will be provided. Experts will be present to discuss publication of the Automotive Related Business Code and Environmental issues relating to automotive businesses and properties. We also Program (ARB). Submit want to hear your concerns and suggestions. This is an opportunity to give your feedback. You your comments and sugare needed at this meeting.

AUTOMOTIVE RELATED BUSINESS (ARB) PROGRAM ARB Compliance Meeting

> Wednesday, March 28, 2012 9:00AM to 11:00AM

Environmental Services Training Room, Second Floor 206 W. Church Street Grand Prairie, TX 75050 For additional info call:

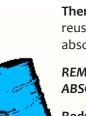
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2011 By The Numbers

- The number of Grand Prairie Auto Related Businesses in 2011
- 78 New ARBs obtaining Certificates of Occupancy during 2011
- ARBs that went out of business or relocated during 2011

A prime indicator of economic well-being is the ratio of business openings to business closings; with a higher ratio being more desirable. In 2011, the ratio was 1.24 to 1 with 78 new businesses and 62 defunct businesses. In 2010 with 118 new and 85 defunct businesses, the ratio was to 1.39 to 1. In simple terms, more businesses are opening than closing and that's good.

At automotive repair shops, minor spills and leaks of used oil and other liquids often occur during activities such as vehicle maintenance, machinery repair, and fluid servicing. Used rags and other absorbents are generated during the cleanup of these spills and leaks. Rags are also used to apply cleaning solvents to parts and wipe parts clean of dirt and excess liquids such as oils and cleaning solvents.



There are two main types of absorbents: (1) absorbent fabrics, which can often be laundered and reused such as pads, sheets, rolls, tubes, blankets, socks, and booms and (2) disposable granular absorbents such as wood chips, sawdust, peat, paper, and kitty litter.

REMEMBER: USED RAGS MUST BE LAUNDERED WITH AN APPROVED SERVICE PROVIDER AND ALL ABSORBANTS MUST BE DISPOSED OF PROPERLY WITH A REGISTERED WASTE HAULER.

Reducing the amount of used rags and absorbents that you generate is environmentally responsible and can save you money by reducing disposal costs. The most effective way to reduce the amount of used absorbents that you generate is to reduce the number of spills, overfills, and leaks

that occur during your operations. Implementing the following good housekeeping measures can positively impact your pocketbook and your day to day operations:

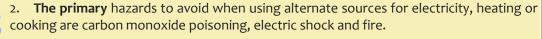
- Conduct routine inspections of liquid storage areas for leaks.
- Perform regular maintenance of machinery, equipment, containers, and tanks, such as tightening and replacing leaky seals, gaskets, and dispensers.
- Use appropriate equipment for material storage such as containment pallets and drums in good condition.
- Use funnels and self-closing faucets to transfer fluids.
- Use drip pans under leaking cars, machinery, pipes, or under removed parts to catch liquids directly rather than cleaning them up with absorbents.
- Keep spill containment and cleanup materials in convenient areas and train employees on when and how to use them.
- Store partially used absorbents in closed, labeled containers for reuse.
- Reuse or wring out absorbent materials using extraction devices such as centrifuges, wringers, or compactors to recover used oil and other liquids for reuse or recycling.



Remember a clean shop not only protects the environment, it saves money too!

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Kills

1. Never use a generator, grill, camp stove or other gasoline, propane, natural gas or charcoal burning device inside a building, garage, basement, crawlspace or partially enclosed area. Make sure these devices are placed away from doors, windows and vents that could allow carbon monoxide to come indoors.



- 3. Install carbon monoxide alarms in central locations on every level of your facility or nome and sleeping areas to provide early warning of accumulating carbon monoxide.
- 4. If the carbon monoxide alarm sounds, move quickly to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door.

Call for help from the fresh air location and remain there until emergency personnel arrive to assist you.

safety standards, your autobody shop can offer a healthy and safe work environment for you and your employees.

oped by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) are operate. The permit will grant more latitude in: intended to help you protect your employees. After all, a successful business is productive and does not waste time recovering from accidents and time lost from injured employees.



Filters: Once it should be a priorshould wear appropriate

sonal protection, including half-face, air purifying respirators with dual organic vapor and dust/mist cartridges, gloves, protective coveralls, and sleeve protectors. In addition, a dust mask, gloves and overalls should be worn when handling dry filters, so that contact with dry paint and dust particles is avoided.

Spray Booth Stacks: Spray booths are designed to direct harmful particles up the stack and away from employees, neighboring buildings, and people in the area of the autobody shop. Spray booth stacks should be inspected and cleaned regularly to maintain their functionality.

Static Discharge: Static discharge in the spray booth resulting from preparing and cleaning plastic parts for painting can cause severe burns. All metal parts of the spray booth should be electrically grounded to prevent static charges; however, static can still build up when preparing plastic

Signage: Signage is also an important safety tool. In many states signage is required in toxic areas such as the spray booth, mixing room, and in waste storage sites. Signs that communicate "no smoking," "hazardous waste," "safety protection required" and that provide emergency numbers should be posted prominently in your shop.

Training: Ensuring that all employees are trained to implement best practices and knowledgeable of regulations and legal requirements is essential to maintaining a safe work environment. Through training, proper personal respiratory equipment, and regular maintenance of your spray booth, you can create a safe, secure work environment.

With some basic education and a commitment to follow In 2011 an important job classification was added to the vocabulary of Grand Prairie: Automotive Rebuilder.

So, what's the big deal? An automotive rebuilder is a busi-Understanding Regulations: Rules and regulations devellness that rebuilds totaled vehicles either for resale or export. It requires a Specific Use Permit (SUP) before it can

- The salvaging of vehicles and parts
- 2. The holding or storage of INO



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has been deter- There will be additional requirements placed on the locamined that it is tion selected for this usage. They will include an improved time for filter replacement, safety for vehicles purchased for parts, and additional requirements based upon the individual assessment of the site Workers and proposed business.

> If you are interested, the first step is to visit Senior Planner, Martin Barkman (972-237-8252) at 206 Church St. Mr. Barkman will advise on project viability and will provide the paperwork package to submit for the SUP.

Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful

The entire ARB team salutes those businesses that went the extra mile in 2011 to **Keep Grand Prairie Beautiful.** These are only a few of the businesses which made substantial improvements to keep their site attractive.

If you are planning a grand opening or other business

event, please let us know. We want to be a part of your suc-

Remember to participate in the 2012 Main Street Cruise and Car Show.











