



Automotive
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About Automotive Materials Stewardship

Automotive Materials Stewardship (AMS) is a not-for-profit producer responsibility organization that manages the collection and recycling of automotive waste materials – such as used antifreeze and antifreeze containers, oil filters and oil containers – on behalf of our producer customers. We are industry-led and funded and help producers meet their recycling obligations under Ontario’s Hazardous and Special Products (HSP) Regulation by taking responsibility for the end-of-life management of automotive service materials sold to Ontario residents. AMS provides a convenient, province-wide network for the collection, transportation and recycling of these materials to divert them from landfills and help contribute to a circular economy.

For more information, please visit us at: www.automotivematerialsstewardship.ca.

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2025 Highlights

ACCESSIBILITY OF COLLECTION SERVICES



88
municipal depots



200+
community collection events



14,500+
collection sites



390+
communities in Ontario served

PERFORMANCE - TONNES COLLECTED



2,469
Antifreeze



2,481
Oil Containers

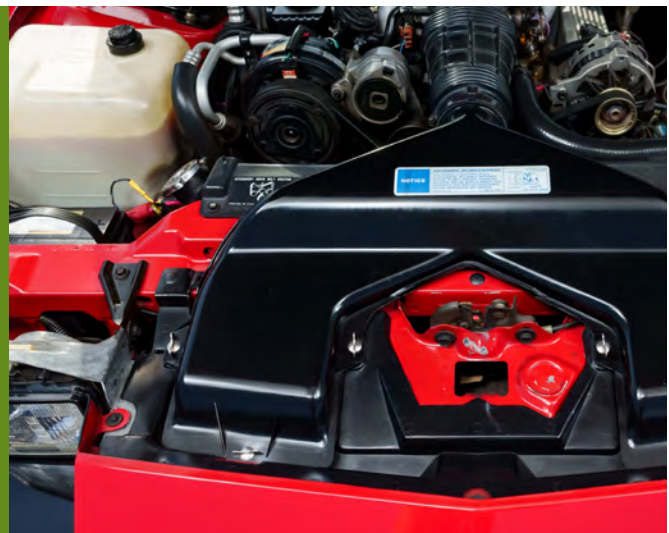


6,942
Oil Filters

Did you know?

AMS currently operates a province-wide network of over 14,500 collection sites throughout Ontario. Each day, AMS diverts more than 34 tonnes of empty oil containers, used oil filters and antifreeze from landfills.

Since 2017, AMS has managed the collection of approximately +110,000 tonnes of automotive service materials.



Message from the AMS Board Chair

Over the past year, the AMS Board has remained focused on providing strong governance and oversight as the organization continues to mature within Ontario's producer responsibility framework. In that effort, we have continued to identify and pursue practical opportunities to improve system performance and drive efficiencies. Ensuring that the program delivers strong environmental outcomes while managing costs for producers remains a central priority.

The Board meets quarterly and is actively engaged in overseeing the key risks and opportunities facing the organization. This includes ensuring that AMS is well-positioned to respond to regulatory developments, evolving market conditions and the operational realities of delivering a province-wide recovery system. Throughout this period, AMS has maintained a strong and disciplined financial position, effectively supporting reliable program delivery while enabling targeted strategic investment. I want to thank my fellow Board members for their time, expertise and continued commitment. While these valuable contributions are provided on a volunteer basis, the Board's oversight and judgment have been central to AMS' progress over the past year.

2025 was an important year for collaboration across our industry. On behalf of the AMS Board, I want to thank the [Atlantic Used Oil Management Association](#) (Atlantic UOMA) for hosting the UOMA Canada Strategic Planning Session in August 2025. These sessions served as an important forum for collaboration and alignment across jurisdictions, and we look forward to welcoming colleagues to Ontario when AMS hosts the next session in 2026.

Looking Ahead: 2026

AMS remains committed to maintaining strong operational performance while advancing initiatives that support long-term system stability, efficiency and cost predictability for producers. In that effort, the AMS Board will continue to support the formation of a new shared services entity in partnership with the [Société De Gestion Des Huiles Usagées](#) (SOGHU) and Atlantic UOMA. This advancement will represent a deliberate step toward greater alignment across UOMA programs in Canada. By standardizing core administrative functions, business processes and reporting approaches over time, this initiative is expected to reduce complexity and cost burden for producers while strengthening the consistency and effectiveness of UOMA Canada program delivery. While additional details will be communicated in 2026, the shared services organization will be implemented in phases, with initial operations expected to begin in 2027. AMS plans to transition its back-office services in 2028, following the initial implementation by partner programs.

In closing, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the producer community for their continued trust in AMS to meet their compliance obligations. That trust underpins the organization's work and underscores the importance of disciplined, accountable program delivery. We look forward to working together in the years to come.



Dave Fifield
AMS Board Chair
President, Wakefield Canada

Message from the Executive Director

Looking back, 2025 was a year of demonstrating strength and reliability within a maturing recovery system operating across Ontario. Throughout the province, AMS worked closely with its network of haulers, processors and collectors to deliver consistent, day-to-day performance. Their professionalism and dedication made significant impacts on the recovery system, and I want to thank our partners for their continued commitment and collaboration.

Stakeholder partnerships are crucial to our work. We are especially grateful to municipalities, whose role in supporting residents and enabling access to collection services remains foundational. Across Ontario, AMS supports urban, rural, remote and First Nations communities in providing accessible collection services. This is achieved through partnerships with municipalities and communities, and through a broad network of Ontario businesses that enable collection across the province. These partnerships contribute to the strong operational foundation that enables AMS to successfully meet the aggregate minimum recovery requirements for oil filter producers and reflect sustained performance across the network and the ability of our partners, particularly haulers and processors, to consistently deliver results at scale.

2025 also marked the first full year of implementation of regulatory amendments introduced in late 2024. We recognize the efforts of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) in providing greater flexibility to producers in meeting their obligations. These changes have supported more practical and effective program delivery while maintaining strong environmental outcomes.

Looking ahead, AMS remains focused on maintaining strong operational performance, delivering key infrastructure investments and continuing to strengthen system outcomes as the program evolves.

Key priorities include:

- Maintaining cost stability and predictability for producers;
- Continued optimization of collection and processing operations;
- Implementation of shared services infrastructure in collaboration with UOMA partners; and
- Ongoing alignment with evolving regulatory requirements.

In that effort, we will continue to invest in the long-term stability of the system and promote strategic growth, including advancing partnerships to provide greater stability and predictability for the industry. AMS remains committed to collaboratively working with partners and stakeholders to ensure the system remains effective, efficient and responsive to changing needs over time.



David Pearce
Executive Director



Adding Value for Producers

AMS offers a turnkey regulatory compliance solution that efficiently meets Ontario producer responsibilities for collecting and managing used antifreeze and antifreeze containers, oil filters and empty oil containers. We offer our customers benefits that matter, including:

- **Industry-led:** AMS was established by industry, for industry. The AMS Board of Directors is a volunteer-based leadership group representing companies that produce, distribute or sell antifreeze, oil containers or oil filters across Ontario.
- **Not-for-profit:** Our structure enables us to focus on doing what's right for producers and the environment, seeking to make neither a profit nor a loss.
- **Proven performance and industry expertise:** We are a proven and trusted producer responsibility organization (PRO) with extensive experience in recycling automotive service materials.
- **Reporting service and support:** Producers and supply chain partners use a proven and secure portal for online material reporting. Our customer service team is available to answer any technical and administrative questions.
- **Fee rate stability:** We are committed to providing published and predictable fee rates for the materials we manage. Notably, AMS maintained stable material fee rates for 2026, reinforcing its commitment to predictable and transparent program costs for producers.
- **Supply chain performance:** AMS has managed the collection of approximately 110,000 tonnes of materials from 14,500+ service centres and hundreds of depots/events, coordinating with processors to achieve environmental outcomes.
- **Effective industry advocacy:** We regularly engage with governments and regulators to advance member interests. We also collaborate with the [Used Oil Management Association of Canada \(UOMA\)](#) to conduct research, share best practices and seek to harmonize initiatives across programs to reduce the administrative burden to producers across the country.

UOMA Canada and the Shared Services Organization

In 2025, AMS worked to further enhance our participation in the Used Oil Management Association of Canada (UOMA). In that effort, AMS partnered with the Société De Gestion Des Huiles Usagées (SOGHU) and Atlantic UOMA to establish a new shared services organization, which was announced in early 2026. This next phase of collaboration reflects a shift from information sharing toward coordinated program delivery and efficiencies across jurisdictions.

Over several years, UOMA programs have heard consistent feedback from producers and service providers: administrative burden is increasing and there is a growing need for greater consistency and coordination across jurisdictions. At the same time, programs were experiencing duplication of effort and increasing complexity in delivering services. In response, AMS, SOGHU and Atlantic UOMA undertook a multi-year collaboration, supported by external advisors including BDO Canada, to explore practical models for closer alignment. The outcome was the creation of a shared services organization, designed as a foundational step toward harmonization while preserving the independence and accountability of each program.

The shared services organization is a federally incorporated not-for-profit organization that will deliver integrated back-office and corporate services to participating programs. These services will include registry and claims processing, customer management, reporting and analytics, finance and accounting, audit support, procurement and broader corporate functions such as IT and HR. Rather than relying on fragmented vendors or duplicative systems, the organization is designed to provide an integrated, end-to-end platform that supports UOMA program requirements, improves stakeholder experience and enhances regulatory reporting and auditability.

A core objective of this work is to reduce the administrative burden for producers operating in multiple provinces. Standardized reporting, aligned metrics and consistent processes will simplify compliance while improving transparency and comparability. At the same time, shared infrastructure will strengthen financial controls, data quality and overall system oversight. This foundation-first approach is intended to enable broader harmonization over time. With shared systems and processes in place, participating programs will be better positioned to align onboarding, reporting, audit approaches, performance metrics, and service provider frameworks.

A shared foundation puts us in a better position to respond to stakeholder needs in more coordinated and effective ways over time.

Carol Montreuil, Board Chair, SOGHU

We are thrilled to formalize our engagement and cooperation with industry colleagues operating throughout the country. This partnership will enhance the services and expertise of our collective organizations for the benefit of our shared stakeholders.

David Pearce, Executive Director, AMS

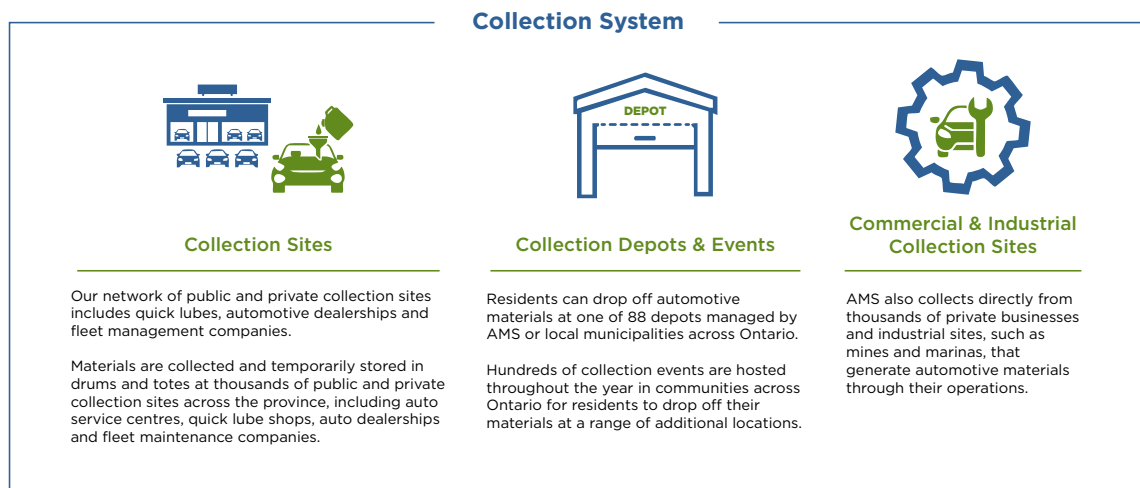
The shared services organization will be implemented in phases, with initial operations expected to begin in 2027. AMS plans to transition its back-office services in 2028, following the initial implementation by partner programs.

This initiative represents a significant investment in the long-term evolution of UOMA programs in Canada. By building shared infrastructure today, AMS and its partners are positioning the system to be more efficient, more consistent, and better able to respond to the needs of producers, service providers and regulators over time.

The Recycling System for Automotive Materials



AMS helps businesses/producers contribute to a circular economy by recycling the automotive materials they sell to Ontarians through the collection and management of used antifreeze and antifreeze containers, oil filters and oil containers. The recycling journey starts with the collection of materials used by consumers, then sorting and processing these materials, and selling the recycled content to end markets for manufacturing into new products. Below is a closer look at how the recycling system for the collection and management of automotive waste materials works in Ontario.



AMS System Performance in 2025

AMS continues to maintain strong system performance while delivering stable and predictable program costs for producers. The system functions through a coordinated network of collection sites, transportation providers and processors, effectively ensuring that materials are responsibly managed from the point of collection through to end-of-life processing.

AMS arranges for the collection and management of the following three types of automotive service materials. See below for information on the performance of our program in 2025.

- Antifreeze and empty antifreeze containers
- Oil filters
- Empty oil containers that have a capacity of 30 litres or less

Total Tonnes Collected

MATERIAL CATEGORY	TONNES COLLECTED IN 2025
Antifreeze	2,469
Oil Containers	2,481
Oil Filters	6,942
Total	11,892

Performance in 2025 remained stable and reliable, supported by a mature collection network and strong operational execution across partners. This consistency is critical to ensuring producers can meet their obligations with confidence.

Through this network, AMS ensures that used antifreeze, oil containers, and oil filters are collected, transported, and directed to appropriate downstream processing and recycling end-markets. This coordinated approach reduces complexity for producers by managing the system end-to-end on their behalf. This integrated system continues to support the diversion of automotive materials from landfills while enabling the recovery of valuable resources for reuse.



Did You Know?

95% of AMS materials are collected through commercial locations, like automotive service facilities, and 5% is collected through Municipal and First Nations depots and events.

2025 Collection Sites, Events and Depots to Ensure Accessibility for Consumers

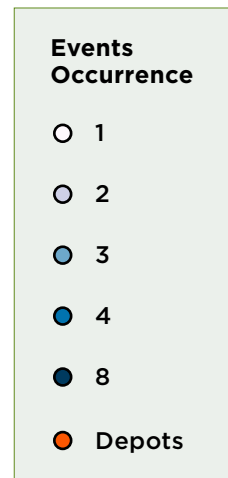
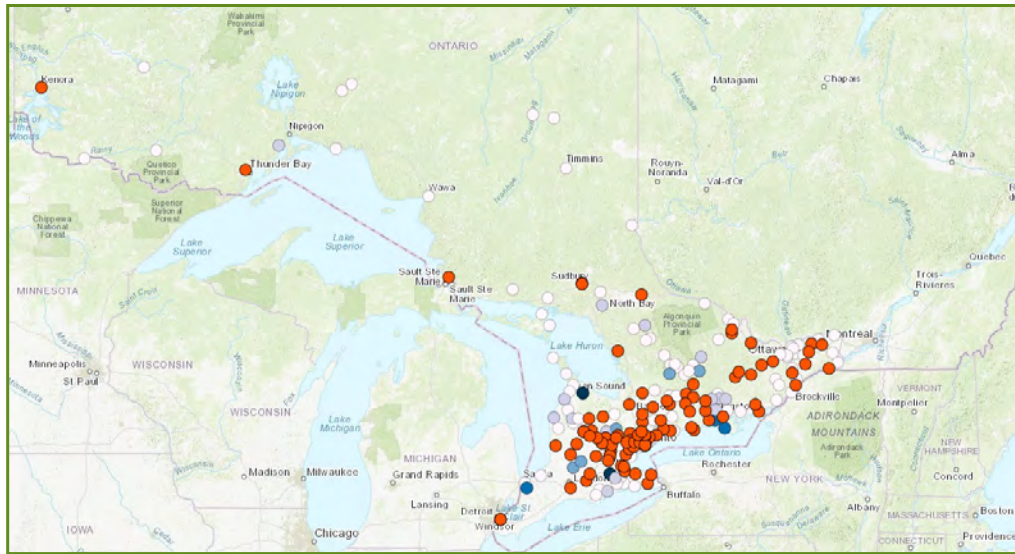
Maintaining a convenient and accessible collection system is critical to achieving consumer participation and maximizing diversion of automotive service materials from landfills.

- **Collection sites:** We are very proud to provide a robust network of collection sites throughout the province, exceeding the minimum required. Our collection sites include a vast network of businesses – such as auto service centres, quick lube shops, and automotive dealerships and fleet maintenance sites – that generate recyclable materials through their operations.
- **Collection events:** Collection events for AMS materials are hosted throughout the year in communities throughout the province, where residents can drop off their materials for recycling. In 2025, there were over 200 single-day collection events.

- **Public Collection Depots:** Residents can drop off used automotive materials at these local depots across the province to be collected and processed. In 2025, there were 88 participating depots across the province.

REGULATORY REQUIREMENT FOR COLLECTION SITES	2025 AMS COLLECTION SITES
12,624	14,500+

Collection Events and Depot Map



Number of Collection Haulers

As of December 2025, AMS has 12 haulers as part of our collection network.

We believe fostering competition amongst service providers is in the broad interests of the producer community and the waste management sector. We appreciate the partnerships that we have with haulers who support our services.



Haulers Transport Materials for Processing

Haulers	12
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“Redi Recycling’s mission is to empower our clients to care for the earth’s future through sustainable, environmental and cost-effective initiatives. Working with the AMS team supports this objective. We believe our joint efforts are making a lasting impact. Together, AMS and Redi Recycling can protect our communities’ environment, be part of the circular economy and ensure a sustainable future for generations to come!”

Joe Hall,
Owner,
Redi Recycling

Number of Downstream Processors

As of December 2025, AMS has 12 processors in our post-collection management network.

Processors play an important role in the AMS recycling journey. Once materials are safely transported to a receiving facility by an AMS-approved hauler, they are weighed, inspected, sorted and then processed for various end-markets. By ensuring a true circular economy, AMS stakeholders are then able to access high-quality recovered materials such as scrap metal, distilled glycol and thousands of litres of recycled lubricants for use in the production of new products.



Processing by Receiving Facilities

Processors	12
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Stakeholder Engagement

AMS maintains an ongoing commitment to transparent and effective communication with its stakeholders, including producers, service providers, municipalities and regulators. This approach is guided by a focus on providing timely, accurate information and encouraging two-way engagement.

Throughout 2025, AMS communicated regularly with producers on key program updates, including material fee rates, reporting requirements and system changes. This proactive approach ensures producers have the information and support needed to remain compliant without added complexity. Communications were delivered through a combination of direct email notices, website updates and ongoing support through the AMS service team.

AMS also engaged with service providers and stakeholders through procurement processes, system updates and operational communications, ensuring alignment across the collection and processing network. This consistent engagement supports strong relationships across the value chain and ensures stakeholders are informed, supported and able to participate effectively in the system. It also reinforces AMS' role as a reliable partner in supporting producer compliance.

Promotion and Education (P&E) Activities

AMS promotion and education (P&E) activities are designed to increase public awareness, drive behavioural change, support collection channels (including depots, drop-off collection events, etc.) and incentive partners to achieve recycling targets.

In 2025, AMS continued to meet the P&E regulatory requirements, including:

All public collection sites and events are promoted online	✓
All collection events are promoted through a minimum of two forms of media	✓
Descriptions of how materials are managed following collection are promoted online	✓
Promotion and education materials are available to retailers, municipal governments and First Nations communities	✓



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