

## 2008 EnviroGuard Company Profile

### BARGER-MATTSON AUTO SALVAGE, INC.

For more than 50 years BARGER-MATTSON AUTO SALVAGE has been disassembling and recycling unwanted vehicles.

Vehicles that arrive at Barger-Mattson are stripped of all useable parts, which are cataloged and made available for sale to the local community and around the world. Parts that cannot be salvaged are recycled or properly disposed. Fluids, batteries, and other hazardous materials are extracted and managed according to regulations and recycled and/or reused whenever possible.



- June 2007, Barger-Mattson joined the National Vehicle Mercury Switch Recovery Program. In the first year, Barger-Mattson and its affiliates recovered 508 mercury switches containing approximately 625 grams of mercury.
- Approximately 50 mercury switches are collected each month.
- Car batteries are removed and tested. If batteries are found to be good they are charged and resold. Unusable batteries are sold to battery manufacturing companies who recycle the materials and remanufacture new batteries. About 300 batteries per month are tested and reused or recycled.
- Tires and wheels are removed. Reusable tires and wheels are resold. Damaged, aluminum wheels are recycled.
- Gasoline is resold - in an average month 400 gallons of gas will be resold.
- Motor oil is managed by a specialized company that sells the product for fuel such as heating oil. In an average month 750 quarts of oil are recycled.
- In an average month, 100 pounds of Freon is removed and managed by a specialized company.
- Anti-freeze is cleaned and resold. Approximately 450 gallons of anti-freeze is resold each month.
- Stripped-down vehicles are crushed and sent to a shredder where the steel and other metals are extracted and recycled. In an average month, 450 tons of scrap metal is reclaimed and recycled through this process.
- All wash water is collected and sent for off-site processing.
- The facility operates under a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
- Barger-Mattson also accepts motor oil, anti-freeze, batteries and old gas from individuals.

Vehicles have a significant environmental impact from initial production to end-of-life. Vehicle recycling and disposal is fairly unregulated as whole. Barger-Mattson and its affiliates are committed to processing vehicles in a manner that reduces the environmental footprint of the vehicle through proper management of vehicle components and reuse and recycling whenever possible. They are a leader in the local industry and across the state.