# **Role-Playing Character Cards**

#### SAM SMITH

You are Sam Smith, a local kid. You cut lawns on the weekend. You have a jug of used motor oil from changing the oil in your family's large riding lawn mower and don't know what to do with it. In fact, you have several jugs of used motor oil stored in the garage from your new business and your parents say, "Get rid of it, NOW!"

#### OFFICER OLIVER

You are Officer Oliver, a police officer. You don't know what to do with used oil, but you do know that it's illegal to pour it on the ground or down a storm drain.

Sam Smith is your kid. You want the garage cleaned out today!

## **NOT-MY-PROBLEM PAT**

You are Not-My-Problem Pat. You drive a car that burns and drips oil. You say it can't hurt anything because you've been driving the car like this for years. You don't change your oil. You just let it burn down and add more.

Sam Smith cuts your lawn. You think Sam should stop spending time and money changing oil in the mower to lower prices for customers.

## FARMER GREEN JEANS

You are Farmer Green Jeans, a local farmer. You say used motor oil from trucks and tractors is great for pouring on dirt roads to settle the dust. You do this a lot in the summer when it doesn't rain much.

You say you'll be glad to take Sam Smith's jugs of oil.

### **DAISY DIGGS**

You are Daisy Diggs, a gardener. You pour your used motor oil on weeds and on the pond behind your house to kill mosquitoes.

You say it works great and can't possibly hurt anything because it's what your family has always done. Besides, you grow the biggest tomatoes anywhere in the county and, of course, you know what you're doing.

#### FIREFIGHTER INFERNO

You are Firefighter Inferno. You say storing jugs of used motor oil and oil rags is a fire hazard and burning the oil is dangerous.

You say that those jugs of oil have to be removed from Sam Smith's garage immediately.

#### **NELLIE NEIGHBOR**

You are Nellie Neighbor, a watchful neighbor. You sometimes smell motor oil in front of your house near the storm drain. You are on the lookout for whoever has been dumping oil there.

You think that the oil should be placed in the garbage can, because "they" will know what to do with it.

#### **ACE HOT-ROD**

You are Ace Hot-Rod, Nellie Neighbor's kid. You love cars, change the motor oil every 3,000 miles without fail and pour it down the storm drain in front of the house when your parents aren't looking.

You think it's too much trouble to worry about what to do with a little motor oil. Besides, you like the smell.

#### **MECHANIC MICKEY**

You are Mickey, a local mechanic, interested in setting up a used motor oil recycling site at your shop. By law, you collect all of the oil from your oil changes and dispose of it properly. You recycle the oil by contracting with a DHEC-approved, registered used oil hauler who picks it up and takes it to an energy recovery facility or refinery. Many people in town save money by changing their oil at home. You know that much of it is dumped across town and are worried how it will impact the environment.

## **FIX-IT JACKIE**

You are Fix-It Jackie, owner of a fix-it shop. You are the local expert on everything, say it's a free country and this "recycling thing" is just a bunch of hype.

You hose off the used motor oil that drips and pours from your small-motor repairs off your floor and into the street. You say used motor oil can't hurt a thing.

# LEN LANDFILL-OPERATOR

You are Len, the local landfill operator. You say used motor oil does not belong in your landfill.

In fact, it is banned from disposal in landfills by law in South Carolina. You know that if used motor oil is put in the trash, it can still cause pollution.

# **CAT FISHER**

You are Cat Fisher, a local fish farmer. You say that even a little used motor oil can ruin local streams and ponds. You think that motor oil contains all types of contaminants and you're worried that one day your champion fish won't be worth frying.

You think that Sam Smith should just dump all his used motor oil into one big barrel.

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