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FAT, OIL & GREASE COLLECTION

The City of Norman Utilities Department wants to remind residential customers in Norman that they can take their old cooking oils, animal fats and meat grease to the Transfer Station to be recycled. The 300-gallon recycling unit is located at the Sanitation Department's Transfer Station at 3901 South Chautauqua and is free to residential customers (Monday – Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM; and Saturday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM).

“This service is free and the best environmental alternative for FOG,” says Debbie Smith, Environmental Services Coordinator for the Utilities Department. FOG stands for **Fat, Oil and Grease**. FOG, when dumped into the sewer system, eventually thickens and sticks to the walls of the sewer pipes. As it builds up in the sewer pipes, it chokes the flow and eventually clogs the pipes altogether. The Sewer Line Maintenance Division attributes about one emergency stoppage per month to the buildup of FOG.

“This is the perfect time to remind people of this valuable program,” says Debbie. “With the Holiday season, comes a lot of extra holiday cooking. And, now you have a proper place to dispose of the used oils and grease that can come from turkey fryers and such.”

The FOG program is for residential customers and includes only cooking grade fats, oils and grease, NOT petroleum products. For more information, please contact the City of Norman Environmental Services Division at (405) 292-9731.

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