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UTILITIES DEPARTMENT COLLECTS FOG

FOG stands for **F**at, **O**il and **G**rease. 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. “This service is free and the best environmental alternative for FOG,” says Debbie Smith, Environmental Services Coordinator for the Utilities Department.

Fats, **O**ils and **G**rease, when dumped into the sewer system, eventually thicken and stick to the walls of the sewer pipes. As it builds up in the sewer pipes, it chokes the flow and eventually clogs the pipe 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 Smith. “With the holiday season comes a lot of extra holiday cooking. Now, you have a proper place to dispose of the used oils and grease that can come from turkey fryers and such.” 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).

The FOG program is for residential customers and includes only cooking grade fats, oils and grease, and excludes petroleum products. For more information, call 292-9731.

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