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### **Defend your Drains by Joining the 2018 Holiday Grease Roundup**

*Recycle Thanksgiving cooking fats, oils and grease. Don't pour it down the drain.*

(Wylie, Texas-November 19, 2018) As families prepare for Thanksgiving and other holiday meals this year, the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD) urges residents to collect and recycle all used fats, oils and grease. NTMWD will operate a collection/recycling site in Wylie during the holidays. The recycled cooking fats, oils and grease will be converted to biodiesel or biogas.

Pouring used cooking fats, oils and grease down your drain can cause clogs in your home sewer pipes, potentially resulting in costly plumbing repair bills. It can also cause clogs in public sewer lines outside your home that can result sanitary sewer overflows (SSO's) where raw sewage backs up into your home or ends up in public areas and even in creeks and streams.

"When cooking or cleaning up after your holiday meals, place used fats, oils and grease into a sealable container for recycling," said Denise Hickey, NTMWD Water Resource Program and Public Education Manager. "Another tip to prevent clogs, is to always place table scraps in the garbage, not down the garbage disposal and drain," Hickey added.

The NTMWD recycling facility will be located at 201 East Brown Street in Wylie, Texas behind the District's Environmental Services Building. It will be open from November 26, 2018 until January 7, 2019. Hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays. This collection site is for used cooking fats, oils and grease only. Motor oil and other automotive fluids will not be accepted.

For more information about the Defend Your Drains program and other locations to drop off cooking oil for recycling, visit [www.ceasethegreasentx.com](http://www.ceasethegreasentx.com) and <http://defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com/holiday-grease-roundup/index.html>.