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Dallas residents have new location to recycle used cooking oil into biofuel; Recycling stations have been installed on Richland College campus

DALLAS – Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) and the Dallas County Community College District (DCCCD) today announced the installation of a cooking grease and oil recycling station at Richland College in northeast Dallas, the second recycling station installed on a DCCCD campus this year. A recycling station was installed at Mountain View College in southwest Dallas earlier this summer.

The cooking oil and grease recycling program is part of DWU's effort to reduce the number of sewer pipe blockages in a sustainable way. Improper disposal of grease, oil and other cooking byproducts can cause costly clogs in homes and apartments and in sewer lines under city streets. Most of the recycled cooking oil collected under the city program is used to make biodiesel for Dallas County school buses.

"We are grateful to officials with the Dallas County Community College District for their involvement in this important project," said Helen Cantril Dulac of Dallas Water Utilities. "This latest recycling station at Richland College will give residents in northeast Dallas another location to recycle used cooking oil, benefiting them and DISD students," she said.

"Projects like these emphasize our interest in and support for sustainable programs," said DCCCD Chancellor Wright Lassiter Jr. "We are pleased to partner with Dallas Water Utilities, knowing that we can help preserve our environment for current and future students throughout Dallas County."

In addition to Richland and Mountain View colleges, Dallas residents can take used cooking oil to the Elliott's Hardware on Maple Avenue in Dallas, the Green Spot Market and Fuels or Café Italiano. The oil should be placed in a plastic container with a screw top lid.

The Dallas County Independent School District, which operates school buses for Dallas and other school districts in the county, picks up the used cooking oil for conversion into biodiesel.

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