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North Carolina Launches Cooking Oil Recycling Program

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Just before the holidays, NBB member company **Blue Ridge Biofuels**, and several other local partners, launched the Cooking Oil Recycling (COR) Program.

Through the pilot project, recycling bins for used cooking oil have been placed across the city of Asheville, NC and neighboring counties.

The goal is to keep used cooking oils and grease out of sewers and landfills, and instead use it to produce biodiesel.

When poured down the drain, used cooking oil solidifies into thick layers inside drainpipes and is one of the leading causes of costly sewer maintenance.

"The more oil we collect, the more we can ultimately bring to Blue Ridge Biofuels to convert into clean, green biofuel to sell back to local residents," said **Melita Kyriakou**, Business Administrator at Blue Ridge Biofuels.

Funded by the **Biofuels Center of North Carolina**, the COR Program is a collaboration between Blue Ridge Biofuels, the Metropolitan Sewerage District (MSD) of Buncombe County and Green Opportunities.

The program will reduce waste, improve air quality, and create clean energy in the region's local community.

Organizers hope the Cooking Oil Recycling Program will help achieve the North Carolina Strategic Plan for Biofuels Leadership goal of having 10 percent of liquid fuels sold in NC come from biofuels grown and produced in the state by 2017.

For more information, visit: www.cookingoilrecycling.org.

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