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A cooking oil recycling program starts small in Buncombe County, but has big plans to expand.

The program is a collaboration of Blue Ridge Biofuels, the Metropolitan Sewerage District, Buncombe County and Green Opportunities. Olufemi Lewis of Blue Ridge Biofuels says the program was made possible by a grant from the state's Biofuels Center. She says recycling cooking oil saves landfills from contamination and also the water system. Lewis says right now there are only two collection locations. One is at the River District Recycling Center at the silo on West Haywood Road in Asheville and at the Buncombe County landfill on Panther Branch Road. She says within the next few

months 35 recycling bins will be up around the county and the long-term plan is to expand the program all over Western North Carolina.

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