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Buncombe County Solid Waste is taking part in a Cooking Oil Recycling Program that is a pilot project funded by the Biofuels Center of North Carolina and is the only program of its kind in the country.

The Metropolitan Sewerage District of Buncombe County, in collaboration with Blue Ridge Biofuels and Green Opportunities, is working to keep used cooking oils and greases out of the sewers and landfills. They are diverting them into biodiesel production to be sold back to the community as clean, renewable fuel.

You can be a part of this great recycling effort by following these simple instructions: Let the oil or grease cool to a safe handling temperature. Pour the oil into a jar or bottle with a lid. Take the oil to the nearest oil recycling bin: Buncombe County Landfill or River District Recycling Center, 1 Roberts Street in Asheville. Carefully pour the oil into the recycling bin. Recycle the oil container or reuse it next time you fry.

For more information about the Cooking Oil Recycling Program, visit [www.cookingoilrecycling.com](http://www.cookingoilrecycling.com).

Biodiesel is a clean-burning, locally-produced alternative to petroleum-based diesel fuel and can be used in all diesel vehicles and as home heating oil.

Blue Ridge Biofuels operates a manufacturing plant in the River District of Asheville and the used oil recycling bins like the one pictured are made by T-Fab in Asheville. This is truly a local recycling opportunity!

Visit Blue Ridge Biofuels to learn more or call 828-253-1034.

To learn more about the County's recycling program contact:

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