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### NEWS POLL

A recent study shows that younger Americans, those born since 1980, care less about conserving energy and helping the environment than older generations. Why is this the case?

- The younger generation is more focused on themselves.
- They are dealing with more serious concerns than their parents (unemployment, terrorism, etc.)
- Young people see the environment as doing better than years ago, so they're focused elsewhere.

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## Public-private partnership to convert used cooking oil

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Feb. 8 -- Asheville, N.C., and other communities nearby have begun collecting used cooking oil and turning it into biodiesel.

Since September, the Cooking Oil Recycling Program pilot project has collected more than 230 gallons. It expects to take in 1,000 gallons per month once 35 bins are placed throughout Buncombe County, according to a news release.

The program is the result of a partnership between the Metropolitan Sewer District of Buncombe County, Green Opportunities and Blue Ridge Biofuels, which will convert the oil into fuel.

"We hope someday soon the cost of wind, solar and geothermal energy will fall enough to compete with coal, petroleum and natural gas," Melita Kyriakou, business administrator at Blue Ridge Biofuels, said in a statement. "For now, biodiesel is the only advanced biofuel in the United States and is a drop-in replacement for petroleum diesel, working seamlessly with our country's existing fueling infrastructure."

The Municipal Sewer District estimates it spends \$200,000 per year on sanitary overflows from used cooking oil poured down the drain, according to a news release.

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Editor John Campanelli hosts this episode of Curbside Live from Dallas, Texas. Green City Award winners are announced - Detroit Greecycle is discussed - View sights and sounds from the Residential Recycling Conference.



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