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Cooking oil recycling program launched

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Just before the holidays, National Biodiesel Board 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 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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