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Make This a Fog Free Thanksgiving Says City of Palmdale

PALMDALE –The City of Palmdale is reminding residents to keep FOG ---Fats, Oils and Grease--- out of household sinks and drains this Thanksgiving.

“As people gather together this Thursday to celebrate Thanksgiving, there will no doubt be a lot of delicious turkey with all the trimmings being served,” said Palmdale’s Collection System Manager Tim Carney. “Sewer blockages often occur around Thanksgiving because of the accumulation of FOG--- fats, oils and grease---that are poured down the drain. This includes meat drippings, juices and fats, cooking oils, salad dressings, sandwich spreads and the like.”

“Additionally, more people are deep frying their turkeys, and the potential for sewer overflows is greater when people don’t properly dispose of the used oil,” explained Carney. “The best way to dispose of used cooking oil from fried turkeys it is to bring it to the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC) on the first and third Saturday of every month.”

“When washed down the sink, FOG sticks to the insides of sewer pipes, both on your property and in the street,” Carney noted. “Over time, it can build up and block an entire pipeline.”

The City of Palmdale recommends the following when handling FOG materials:

- Never pour fats, oils and grease down the sink or garbage disposal.

- Pour fats, oils and grease after they have cooled into a sturdy container, such as an empty glass jar or coffee can. Once the container is full, close the lid securely and place it in the trash.
- Prior to washing, scrape and dry wipe pots, pans and dishes with paper towels and dispose of those materials in the trash.
- Use sink strainers to catch food items, and empty the strainer into the trash.
- To recycle large amounts of leftover from deep-frying a turkey please contact the Antelope Valley Environmental Collection Center (AVECC) at 1-888-CLEAN LA (1-888-253-2652.)

“Whether you are a homeowner, renter or a restaurant, you can help prevent sewer blockages,” Carney said. “Plus by doing so, you’re also protecting the environment, your home and your checkbook from costly repairs.”

For additional options for used cooking oil, please call 1-888-CLEAN LA (1-888-253-2652.)