Sixth annual ‘Day-after-Thanksgiving’ grease recycling event planned

TUCSON -- The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, Town of Sahuarita, Pima Association of Governments’ Clean Cities Program, Grecycle and EDG Fuels will partner once again to host the sixth annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Grease Recycling Day from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 26, the day after Thanksgiving.

This effort is held each holiday season to remind everyone to properly dispose of used cooking grease, and that the grease can be used to produce a clean burning substitute for diesel fuel. “Ordinary kitchen cooking grease build up can clog sewer pipes, reduce sewage flow and act as a magnet for other debris,” said Laura Hagen Fairbanks of the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department. “Eventually, build-up can clog lines and result in sanitary sewer overflows.”

“This grease can be easily disposed of in much better ways and be used to produce biodiesel, a clean burning substitute for diesel fuel,” said Colleen Crowninshield, Tucson Clean Cities Manager. “The diesel fuel can be used in any diesel engine and will help us to reduce our nation’s dependence on fossil fuel.”

Used cooking oil will be collected at five sites around the community. The 2009 event collected over 2,500 pounds of used cooking oil and has collected more than 9,300 pounds since the first event, which was held in 2005. This grease was converted into biodiesel and used in diesel engines in Pima County.

--MORE--
This year’s grease recycling sites include:

**East-O’Reilly Chevrolet**
6160 E. Broadway Blvd.
One block west of Wilmot Road

**Northwest-Pima County**
Industrial Wastewater Control
5025 W. Ina Road (1/4 mile west of I10)

**South-City of Tucson**
**Water Plant #2**
1102 W. Irvington Road
West of I-19 on Irvington, turn right at first light into Water Plant #2, (Across from the street from Mc Donald’s)

**Sam Hughes Championship**
**Dining**
Vacant lot at the northeast corner of Campbell and Sixth Street

**Town of Sahuarita Park & Ride Parking Lot**
375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
Sahuarita

Used cooking oil also can be recycled year round. For information on drop-off locations, visit Grecycle’s Web site at www.grecycle.com, EDG’s site at www.edgroup.us, Pima Association of Governments’ Clean Cities Program site at www.pagnet.org, or the Pima County Household Hazardous Waste Program site at www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw.

--30--