Grease recycle event captures over 4,000 pounds of used cooking oil

TUCSON, Ariz. – The sixth annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Grease Recycling Day collected approximately 4,400 pounds of used cooking oil in four hours to be converted into biodiesel.

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, Town of Sahuarita, Pima Association of Governments’ Clean Cities Program, Grecycle and EDG Fuels hosted the event on Friday, Nov. 26. Used cooking oil was collected at five sites around the community.

Over 13,000 lbs of oil and grease have been collected since the first event, which was held in 2005. The converted grease will be used in diesel engines in Pima County.

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.

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