

# North Texas Grease Abatement Council

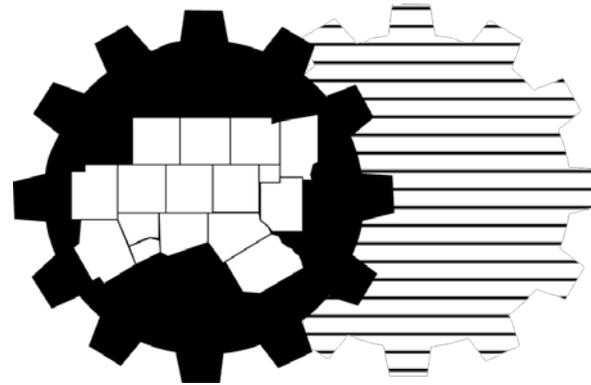
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# Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. 2014 Holiday Grease Roundup
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4. Work Program and Cost Share/Budget
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# Welcome and Introductions



# 2014 Holiday Grease Roundup

**Participants:** Addison, Arlington, Cedar Hill, Coppell, Dallas, Fort Worth, Garland, and Mansfield

**Dates/Special events:** December 6-13 for collection/Special events in Arlington (Dec. 6) and Garland (Dec. 13)

**Available marketing materials:**

Advertising ideas document  
Flyer template  
Half-page flyer  
(English front, Spanish back)  
Press release template  
Email blast template  
Social media post template  
Utility bill insert  
Web banners and tiles



**Website:** Homepage hero, event webpage in English and Spanish

# 2014 Holiday Grease Roundup

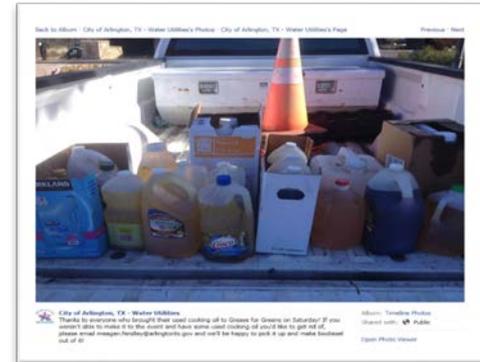


**Dallas County  
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Hey Ya'll! (what a great plural pronoun, btw. You can address anyone and everyone while still sounding friendly)

Properly dispose of your holiday F.O.G. (fats, oils and grease) by dropping it off in a disposable, sealed container at the Service Center at 16801 Westgrove Drive, December 8-12th from 8am-5pm. We are partnering with the Dallas County Schools Alternative Fuel Program to turn our leftover oils into biofuel. Pretty amazing!



City of Arlington, TX - Water Utilities  
Thanks to everyone who brought their used cooking oil to Grease for Green on Saturday! If you weren't able to make it to the event and have some used cooking oil you'd like to get rid of, please email [residents@waterutilities.com](mailto:residents@waterutilities.com) and we'll be happy to pick it up and make biofuel out of it!

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**Arlington Participating in Regional Holiday Grease Roundup**

The City of Arlington will join the North-Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG) and seven other area cities in hosting the First Annual Region-Wide Holiday Grease Round Up December 6-13, 2014.

Arlington residents will be able to dispose of used cooking oil by putting the oil into a sealed, waterproof container and dropping it off at Tierra Verde Golf Course on December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014 between 8AM-Noon. Participating residents will be entered into a raffle for free rounds of golf at Arlington golf courses. Cooking oil collected at

## Thanksgiving: CTG for the win!

by Brandon Ayala

It's Thanksgiving and the in-laws came over to your house for dinner. You really impressed your father-in-law by deep frying a juicy turkey with a skin crisped to perfection. You made sure to let the bird thaw so that it does not turn into a Thanksgiving fireworks display for the neighbors. You also watched close to 120 YouTube™ videos to make sure everything went according to plan and your holiday dinner was not spent in the hospital cafeteria.

So far so good, but your job is not over yet! You still have the 35 quarts of spent peanut oil sitting in the deep fryer on your driveway. The last thing you need is for your father-in-law to find that tub of oil still sitting in your garage when they come back to visit for Christmas and to ask you "Is this the same oil from Thanksgiving?" It is in such situations when you start thinking "I don't want this to happen! What am I supposed to do?" There is no need to worry, help is nearby. Dallas Water Utilities Cease the Grease has got you covered!



Before you contact Cease the Grease, the used cooking oil should be poured into a sealed container. When you purchased that fine golden peanut oil, it came in an easily manageable 3 gallon container which conveniently comes equipped with a handy-dandy...handle. DO NOT THROW IT AWAY! Set them aside so that after you have carved your delicious bird trophy, you can pour the cooled oil back into the original container(s) to easily haul off for proper disposal. Remember, the last thing you would ever want to do is pour that oil down your drains. The plumbing bill that would come associated with that kind of disastrous move would totally deplete the savings you set aside for those awesome Christmas gifts you have been planning for all year.

Once the used cooking oil is sealed in its original container, you can use the internet to visit <http://www.ceasethegrease.org/drop-off-locator/> to find the nearest drop off location. If you do not live in Dallas you still have hope! Addison, Arlington, Cedar Hill, Coppell, Dallas, Fort Worth, Garland and Mansfield are all hosting the First Annual North Texas Holiday Grease Roundup for used cooking oil and grease in partnership with the North Texas Grease Abatement Council, The North Central Texas Council of Governments and The Dallas County Schools Green Bus Project. Information about the collection event running from December 6th - 13th 2014 can be found on page 8 or at [www.ceasethegreasentx.com](http://www.ceasethegreasentx.com).

After you drop off your used cooking oil, WE DO THE REST! Cease The Grease will actually take that oil and convert it into clean electricity which is then used to clean our wastewater here in Dallas; saving our environment, tax dollars and sewer system. That's what we call a "WIN - WIN SITUATION!!" Actually, for you it's a "WIN - WIN - WIN SITUATION!!" because, this time, your father-in-law truly did leave impressed....and FULL! GO YOU! 🙌



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## Cease the grease to avoid clogging up the sewer system

Posted Nov. 26, 2014



Don't pour the grease from your holiday meals down the drain. Recycle it instead during the 2014 Holiday Grease Roundup, Dec. 6-13.

Fort Worth collects grease and cooking oil year-round at the [Environmental Collection Center](#), 6400 Bridge St. The city will use your collected cooking oil and grease to create biodiesel or turn it into biogas for energy production.

Facts about grease:

- Grease hardens in pipes, causing major clogs and sewer overflows.
- If the sewer overflows, city crews have to shut down streets, tying up traffic and increasing expenses for you and the city.
- To dispose of grease, pour it into a covered container like an old coffee can. Recycle it at the Environmental Collection Center.
- Cooking oil should never be poured down the drain. If you deep-fry a turkey, put the used cooking oil into a rigid plastic container with a screw-top lid (maybe even the container the oil came in) and recycle it.





**City of Mansfield, Texas Municipal Government**

December 9 at 12:20pm · 🌐

What's the best way to deal with a clogged sink? Prevent it in the first place! Collect your cooking oil and grease in a sealed, waterproof container and bring it to the #HolidayGreaseRoundup anytime between this week to the Cooking Oil Drop-Off Station, located inside the dumpster enclosure located between City Hall (1200 E. Broad St.) and the Public Library.



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**City of Mansfield, Texas Municipal Government** added 2 new photos.

December 6 at 6:00am · 🌐

We're all set up for the #HolidayGreaseRoundup. Remember to collect your cooled cooking oil in a sealed container and take it anytime this week to the Cooking Oil Drop-Off Station, located inside the dumpster enclosure between City Hall (1200 E. Broad St.) and the Public Library. Help us #ceasethegrease! Visit [www.ceasethegreasentx.com](http://www.ceasethegreasentx.com) for more information



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**City of Mansfield, Texas Municipal Government**

December 16 at 3:00pm · Edited · 🌐

Thanks to everyone who helped us make the #HolidayGreaseRoundup a success this week! We collected over 300 gallons of used cooking oil and grease from Mansfield residents! Did you know you can drop-off cooking oil at this location year-round? Keep your pipes clog-free and don't pour your grease down the drain, bring it anytime to the Cooking Oil Drop-Off Station located inside the dumpster enclosure between City Hall (1200 E. Broad St.) and the Public Library..



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**City of Mansfield, Texas Municipal Government**

December 12 at 3:15pm · 🌐

Put "saving the planet" on your to do list and bring us your used cooking oil at the #HolidayGreaseRoundup anytime this weekend to the Cooking Oil Drop-Off Station, located inside the dumpster enclosure between City Hall (1200 E. Broad St.) and the Public Library.



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## CEASE THE GREASE



**COPPELL WILL BE THANKFUL FOR YOUR GREASE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON!**

The City of Coppel has joined the North Texas Grease Abatement Council, the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), the Dallas County Schools Alternative Fuel Program and seven other area cities in hosting the First Annual North Texas Holiday Grease Roundup, on Dec. 6 through 13, 2014. During this time, participating cities will host special collections for residents to recycle their cooking oil and grease.

The delightful smell of fried turkeys, buttery foods, and gravy are already in the air. When fats, oil, and grease (FOG) are washed down the drain, they stick to the inside of pipes, building up until they become clogs. This can cause sewage to overflow into homes, streets and local water bodies. By participating in the Holiday Grease Roundup and urging residents to recycle their FOG, Coppel aims to help protect sewer systems and the environment. The collected cooking oil and grease will be used to create biodiesel or turned into biogas for energy production.

"By hosting this event, we hope to raise awareness about keeping FOG out of the kitchen sink and make it easy for our residents to recycle their used cooking oil," said Billy Williams, Coppel's wastewater operations supervisor. "This program will help residents keep their pipes clear, and help protect our water quality by reducing water pollution. And on top of that, we're producing environmentally friendly fuels, which improves air quality. It's a great event to be a part of, and we hope to see a lot of residents taking advantage of the drop-off locations."

Coppel residents can dispose of used cooking oil by bottling used grease in plastic containers and dropping them off at one of two locations: Coppel Service Center, 816 S. Coppel Rd., Dec., or at the Coppel Pump Station, 1101 Village Parkway in Coppel, between Dec. 6 and 13. The Coppel Service Center will be manned from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. should anyone need assistance.

The North Texas Grease Abatement Council, NCTCOG and participating cities are working with a wide range of partners to make these events a success, including Dallas County Schools and the Audubon-rated Tierra Verde Golf Course.

Addison, Arlington, Cedar Hill, Coppel, Dallas, Fort Worth, Garland and Mansfield are all hosting collections for used cooking oil and grease. Information about the collections can be found at [www.ceasethegreasentx.com](http://www.ceasethegreasentx.com).

[Click here for more information about recycling your cooking grease.](#)

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Don't pour your Thanksgiving grease down the drain.  
 Recycle it instead!

Cease the GREASE

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City of Coppel, TX Municipal Government <http://coppeltx.gov/news/1085-cease-the-grease.html>

Cease the Grease

The City of Coppel, Texas Website.

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@WholeFoodsDFW

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Recycle Thanksgiving meal grease in containers, bring to bins @ Lakewood, Preston Forest, Park Lane, Arlington store.



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Garland/Mesquite

## Garland to participate in North Texas Grease Roundup



By HANNAH DECLERK   
Neighborsgo

Published: 10 December 2014 08:49 AM  
Updated: 10 December 2014 08:49 AM

The city of Garland will participate in the North Texas Holiday Grease Roundup through Saturday.

An extra collection location for fats, oils and grease will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Jack L. May Field Operations Complex, 2343 Forest Lane.

All collected items will be donated to Dallas County Schools to be processed into biodiesel for school buses.

For more information, visit [CeaseTheGreaseNTx.com](http://CeaseTheGreaseNTx.com).

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## News Details

### Garland to Participate in North Texas Grease Roundup

North Texas Holiday Grease Roundup  
Dec. 6-13



As a member of the North Texas Grease Abatement Council, the City of Garland will participate in the North Texas Holiday Grease Roundup Dec. 6-13.

An extra collection location for fats, oils and grease (FOGs) will be available from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Jack L. May Field Operations Complex, 2343 Forest Lane. All FOGs collected during this week will be donated to Dallas County Schools to be processed into biodiesel for school buses. In

addition to helping your pipes stay clean, you will also help students get to school and reduce pollution with clean, alternative fuels.

Residents are reminded that pouring fats, oils, and grease down the drain can lead to serious plumbing problems in the home, as well as in the Garland sewer system. Those who are preparing fried foods this holiday season should not throw away used cooking oil. Recycle it instead! Bring it to the Cease the Grease station at the Drop-Off Recycling Center located at 1426 Commerce St. Hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For more information about the [City's Cease the Grease program](#), visit [GarlandTx.gov](http://GarlandTx.gov) then select "Wastewater Treatment," from the "City Government" drop-down menu. Details are under "Industrial Pretreatment" then "Pollution Prevention." Or visit [CeaseTheGreaseNTx.com](http://CeaseTheGreaseNTx.com).

# Collection Stats

Municipality	Gallons of Grease Collected
Addison*	20
Arlington	100 (for special event only; 15.5 at WF Arlington; unknown portion at Fort Worth's Env. Collection Center)
Cedar Hill*	30
Coppell*	95 (2 containers/locations)
Dallas/Cease the Grease	450 (inc. WF Arlington)
Garland*	12.5
Fort Worth	315
Mansfield	200 (300 for the month, majority during campaign)
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,222.5</b>

\*Used Dallas County Schools (DCS) as biodiesel vendor. DCS said they could make a little under 110 gallons of B-100 fuel from the oil they picked up.

# Discussion

What went well?

What would you do differently next year?

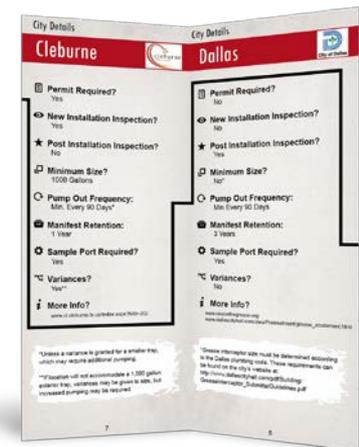
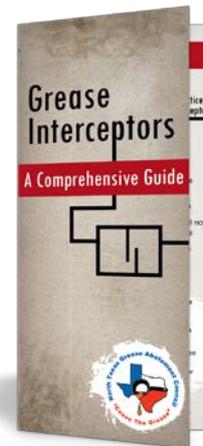
- Same time range? One week earlier?*
- Start planning earlier? When?*
- Same biodiesel vendor(s)?*
- Use different types of advertising? Which types?*
- Open to using the same assets as starting point?*
- Loop in other municipal departments?*

# Grease Interceptors Brochure

Reminder: This brochure will be updated for the SW Food Expo. We're planning on printing approximately 1,000 (with a price cap of \$1,500).

*I'll send you a form in the coming weeks so you can fill out the required information. If your municipality is already in the brochure, you can also send me an email with revisions. Remember to check your city logo—is it an old version?*

- Addison, Arlington, Burleson, Carrollton, Cleburne, Dallas, Fort Worth, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, and Mineral Wells are in the current version.
- Denton, Mansfield, and Plano have expressed interest in being added.
- Addison and Irving have sent me revisions. Garland has mentioned its entry should be revised.



# Work Program and Estimated Budget - Draft

- Task 1. General Outreach Support Related to Proper FOG Disposal
  - Task 1.1. General Program Awareness
  - Task 1.2. Holiday Grease Roundup
- Task 2. Support for Creating a New Logo and Mission Statement
- Task 3. Support for Seeking Funding for Specific Projects
- Task 4. Support for Updating and Maintaining the Website
- Task 5. General Outreach Support Related to Disposables Initiatives

# Proposed Cost Share - Draft

Proposed Cost Share (Based on 2014 NCTCOG Population Estimates) – Draft

Feedback?

Population	Proposed Cost
500,000 and more	\$5,000
200,000–499,999	\$3,000
100,000–199,999	\$2,500
50,000–99,999	\$2,000
25,000–49,999	\$1,500
10,000–24,999	\$1,000
Less than 10,000	\$500
Special district partners serving 300,000+	\$3,000
Special district partners serving less than 299,999	\$2,000

We plan on sending out commitment forms in the March timeframe, then finalizing the work program based on the commitments we receive.

# Voting for a New Name

North Texas Council for Wastewater Etiquette  
North Texas Wastewater Advisory Council  
Sewer Etiquette Water Education Roundtable (SEWER)  
Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable (WATER)  
Wastewater Education Council  
Wastewater Pollution Prevention Council

Note: “North Texas” could be used in front of any of these.

# Roundtable and Next Meeting Date

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Roundtable: What's happening in your community?

Schedule for the next meeting: Wednesday, May 6, 2015,  
at 10 a.m. in the Fred Keithley Conference Room.

Adjournment

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