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## **DWU Holds Dallas' First Ever Cooking Oil Drive During "Cease the Grease Week"**

**DALLAS** – Mayor Tom Leppert has officially declared June 1-7, 2008 "Cease the Grease Week" in Dallas. To help bring awareness to the proper disposal of fats, oils and grease (FOG) and further encourage residents to stop pouring FOG down the kitchen sink, City of Dallas Water Utilities (DWU) will hold the first ever Cooking Oil Drive in Dallas during "Cease the Grease" week.

As part of its city-wide grease abatement program, DWU's "Cease the Grease Week" and Cooking Oil Drive reminds residents to put cooking oil where it belongs – in the hands of DWU and Griffin Industries – not down the kitchen sink.

DWU hopes that holding the Cooking Oil Drive will raise awareness about the effect of improper disposal of FOG, which can create blockages in city sanitary sewer lines and homeowner pipes, potentially resulting in sanitary sewer overflows, property damage and road closures due to pipe repairs.

"Many people don't realize how important it is to recycle left over cooking oil," said Helen Cantril Dulac, environmental coordinator with DWU. "The Cooking Oil Drive is a great way for residents to go green in the kitchen and to keep our City's sewer pipes clog-free."

Throughout the week, a DWU expert will be on hand and ready to collect used cooking oil, which should be sealed in leak-proof containers. Participants can stop by any of the following locations:

**Tom Thumb**

5809 E. Lovers Ln.  
Dallas, TX 75206  
June 2-6: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.  
June 7: 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Tom Thumb**

14999 Preston Rd.  
Dallas, TX 75240  
June 4-6: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Fiesta**

5334 Ross Ave.  
Dallas, TX 75206  
June 2-6: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Carnival**

3434 W. Illinois Ave.  
Dallas, Texas 75211  
June 2-6: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Minyard**

3230 Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Dallas, TX 75210  
June 2-6: 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

DWU will set up informational booths, take used cooking oil off residents' hands and provide visitors with helpful disposal tips. Goodies such as grease bags and magnets will be handed out, and those who stop by can also sign up to win fun prizes, such as cooking classes and handy kitchen tools and appliances.

Also, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 7, DWU will be at the Tom Thumb location awarding prizes, passing out t-shirts and encouraging residents to continue to "Cease the Grease" every time they cook.

For additional information on the "Cease the Grease" program and the Cooking Oil Drive, please visit <http://ceasethegrease.info>.



The "Cease the Grease" Grease Abatement Program, administered by Dallas Water Utilities (DWU), is a citywide educational public outreach program that encourages Dallas residents to properly dispose of fats, oil and grease. DWU's goals are to increase awareness of the consequences of improper grease disposal and the damage it causes. The program also provides educational tools and information to help alleviate these problems.