

Festive feast can help generate carbon neutral electricity



Over the festive season more cooking oil will be used as people sit down to enjoy roast meats, crisp roasted potatoes, parsnips and other festive treats. Pouring left over cooking oil down the drain can cause serious blockages and is in fact throwing away a valuable resource.

Wiltshire residents are being reminded to recycle their used cooking oil at any of Wiltshire's 11 household recycling centres (HRCs) in place of putting it in their bins or pouring it down the drain.

Henry Newbery, recycling manager for Hills Waste Solutions said: "Rather than run the risk of blocking your drains, wait for the cooking oil to cool, pour it into a sealed container and take it to any one of

Wiltshire's 11 household recycling centres where specialised tanks have been installed to collect the used oil."

Once the oil is collected it is taken to Hills' contractor, Living Fuels, whose state-of-the-art recycling facility recovers the oil into an environmentally friendly bioliquid, LF100. This bioliquid is used in Living Fuels' renewable power stations to generate carbon neutral electricity for the National Grid at times of unexpected power demand, helping to lower the UK's reliance on fossil fuel derived energy generation.

Find a list of household recycling centres www.recycleforwiltshire.com ENDS

Notes to editors:

The facts (Source: Water UK)

- A medium turkey can produce almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of a pint of oil
- Water companies deal with more than 3,000 flooding incidents a year, from 366,000 blockages, and annual costs are now running to £88 million. These costs will be paid for through customer bills.

Hills Waste Solutions

offers a range of specialist waste management and recycling services to both the public and private sector. It is a dynamic regional business which, while centred on Wiltshire, has stretched its boundaries into neighbouring areas to become one of the region's largest providers of waste solutions. Hills Waste Solutions is a wholly owned subsidiary of The Hills Group Limited, a privately owned family company established in 1900.

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