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PRESS RELEASE TUD LAUNCHES PREVENTIVE MEASURES FOR SEWER BACKUPS

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With the holiday season officially kicking off next week for the Thanksgiving holiday, many Tuolumne County residents will be busy cooking in their kitchens. To avoid potential plumbing and sewer disasters, Tuolumne Utilities District would like to remind residents to avoid pouring fats or cooking oils down the drain because liquid fats solidify in the pipes and create clogs. Sewer blockages can cause backups into homes resulting in an unpleasant mess that can cost hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars to clean up.

TUD in a partnership with WasteManagement/Cal Sierra and San Jose Tallow have setup a Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) collection receptacle at the Waste Management transfer station located at 19309 Industrial Drive in Sonora. This service is FREE and open to the general public. At this new collection site, Tuolumne County residents can dispose of their used cooking oil and grease instead of washing it down the sink.

“We are happy to announce this new service just before the holiday season. We encourage residents to take advantage of this collection site which is a safe way to dispose of grease so that it doesn’t end up in a landfill and it is also a proactive measure to eliminate fats, oils and grease from TUD’s sewer system,” states Pete Kampa, TUD General Manager.

Waste Management’s transfer station is located at 19309 Industrial Drive in Sonora. They are open from 8am to 4:45pm, 7 days a week (including Thanksgiving Day). For more information, please call Waste Management at 536-1719.