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Happy Holidays from Eco-Cycle: Cooking Oil Recycling Pilot Debuts at the CHaRM and Annual Holiday Recycling Guide Hits the Stands and the Internet

Boulder, CO (Nov. 21)— If your family’s holiday traditions include a fried turkey, fondue, homemade latkes, or deep-fried tofu, we have good news for you: you don’t have to pour your cooking oil down the drain or send it to the landfill. Instead, it can become an eco-friendly fuel! This holiday season, as an experimental pilot program, Eco-Cycle will accept used cooking oil at the Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM). Cooking oil collected during this six-week project will be sent to a local refiner to produce biodiesel, an environmentally-friendly alternative to diesel in cars and trucks.

What will be accepted during the six week cooking oil pilot?

To experiment with the viability of collecting this material for biodiesel production, the CHaRM will run the pilot for six weeks only from November 24 through January 6. There will be no charge to residents; businesses will be charged \$1 per gallon of oil to cover the cost of the program. We will accept any kind of oil used in cooking, such as vegetable, canola, sesame, sunflower and olive oils. Oil from food production, such as grease from cooking meat, is also accepted. We will have a barrel set up for recyclers to transfer oil from their containers into ours. We ask that large solids be strained out (anything that won’t easily fit down a funnel – solids can go into our compostables container also at the CHaRM). We cannot recycle or dispose of used oil container and ask that they be rinsed and then reused or recycled at home. Motor oil or any type of oil that is used for purposes other than cooking will not be accepted. Check the Hard-to-Recycle Guide on www.ecocycle.org for a list of locations that accept used motor oil. If there is sufficient demand for recycling cooking oil, and we find we are able to

easily maintain the collection, we will consider adding cooking oil as a regular CHaRM material in the future.

As with other CHaRM materials, cooking oil will be accepted at our CHaRM location ONLY. For more information about our location, hours of operation, and the other materials we accept at the CHaRM visit www.ecocycle.org.

Eco-Cycle's Holiday Recycling Guide Released on Friday, November 24th

Trash rates usually increase by a staggering 25% during the holidays. Is there any way to avoid the onslaught of seasonal waste? Yes! In *Eco-Cycle's Guide to a Less Wasteful and More Enjoyable Holiday Season*, you'll find suggestions for creatively avoiding waste in the first place, recycling options for those difficult items specific to this time of year, and ideas for eco-friendly gift giving.

The four-page annual guide, sponsored by the city of Boulder, is made available in both print and electronic versions: you'll find it inserted into the Friday, November 24th editions of both the *Daily Camera* and *Longmont Times-Call* newspapers, and distributed at Eco-Cycle's drop-off center locations in Boulder, Longmont and Broomfield. The guide, along with short video clips showing what can and cannot be recycled, can be found online at www.ecocycle.org,

The guide contains a wealth of information, including:

- Information on special collections for wrapping paper and holiday trees
 - Tips on reducing and avoiding waste in the first place such as how to stop the junk mail flurry this time of year, wrapping paper alternatives, and Zero Waste tips to entertaining
 - A recycling guide for holiday-related materials such as light strings, bubble wrap and greeting cards
 - Complete guidelines for the Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder/Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials
 - A "Green Guide to Gifts" and Online Green Gift Guide
- ...and much, much more!

Please contact Eco-Cycle at 303-444-6634 or recycle@ecocycle.org for any additional holiday-related recycling questions.

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