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“Enjoy the Feast, Recycle the Grease” Campaign Kicks Off this Holiday Season

Lynchburg, Va. – In anticipation of the holiday season, Lynchburg Water Resources (LWR) and Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) have partnered to encourage citizens to properly dispose of and recycle cooking oils and grease. To assist, LWR and BRWA are giving away free grease disposal kits that can be used to contain the drippings from holiday meals and return to water providers for sustainable disposal.

One of the biggest issues in local sewer systems is the buildup of fats, oils, and grease in the sewer pipes. When these ingredients are poured down the drain, they solidify in the sewer pipes, mixing with non-flushable items (like wet wipes and shop rags) and create fatbergs that block the sewer lines and cause costly and unsafe overflows into backyards, forests, and streams.

"A big gift that citizens can give themselves, the community, and the environment this holiday season is to properly dispose of fats, oil, and grease. By keeping those items out of the pipes, customers will end up saving money by not having costly sewer backups. This also helps save the environment from untreated wastewater spilling out of backed-up pipes," said Megan Pittman, Director of Administration for the BRWA.

To help keep our community's pipes clean and our environment safe, Lynchburg Water Resources and Bedford Regional Water Authority are partnering to distribute free at-home grease collection kits. The collected grease will then be recycled into an environmentally friendly biofuel.

"These kits provide our community with the information and tools they need to protect our infrastructure and environment, right at the kitchen sink. We encourage the community to practice proper grease disposal methods during the holiday season and year-round," said Tim Mitchell, Director of LWR.

The free grease collection kits include a funnel, can lid, sponge, dish scraper, and informational hand-outs on how to use the items and how to properly dispose of the grease. The kits will be available at a variety of locations during the holiday season thanks to community partnerships with Lynchburg Parks and Recreation, the Lynchburg Community Market, Bedford County Waste Management, and Bedford Christian Ministries.

Citizens can pick up at-home recycling kits during the holiday season, November 10 to December 31, at the following locations during open hours:

525 Taylor Street
Lynchburg, VA 24501



Lynchburg locations

- Lynchburg Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Centers (year-round, pick-up and drop-off)
- Templeton Center (year-round, pick-up and drop-off)
- Lynchburg College Hill Water Treatment Plant (year-round, pick-up and drop-off)
- Lynchburg Regional Water Resources Recovery Facility (year-round, pick-up and drop-off)
- Lynchburg Community Market (holiday season, kit pick-up only – no drop-off service)

Bedford County locations

- Bedford Regional Water Authority Administration Building (year-round, pick-up and drop-off)
- Bedford Regional Water Authority Smith Mountain Lake Water Treatment Facility (holiday season, pick-up and drop-off)
- Bedford Christian Ministries (holiday season, pick-up and drop-off)

Cooking Oil & Grease Recycling

To recycle cooking oil and grease, drop off sealed containers in the designated collection bins available only at participating drop-off locations listed above.

For more information about the “Enjoy the Feast, Recycle the Grease” campaign, visit:

- www.lynchburgva.gov/Enjoy-The-Feast-Recycle-The-Grease
- www.brwa.com/your-brwa/environment-innovation/grease-fats-recycling-frog/

About the Bedford Regional Water Authority

The Bedford Regional Water Authority (BRWA) provides reliable, high-quality water and wastewater services to the residents and businesses of Bedford County and the Town of Bedford. With a commitment to collaboration, adaptability, results, enthusiasm, and safety, we ensure that our community thrives through sustainable water management.

In partnership with the Western Virginia Water Authority, we also serve the Smith Mountain Lake area, including parts of Bedford and Franklin Counties.

At the BRWA, our vision is clear: *Clean Water. Healthy Environment. Thriving Community.* For more information, visit www.brwa.com.

About Lynchburg Water Resources

Lynchburg Water Resources (LWR) ensures that Lynchburg residents enjoy an uninterrupted supply of quality drinking water, reliable sewer service, and proper stormwater management. The mission of Lynchburg Water Resources is to promote the life, health and prosperity of our community through our vision of “Clean Water. Clear Streams. Thriving Community.” For more information, call Lynchburg Water Resources at 434.455.4250 or visit www.lynchburgva.gov/waterresources.

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