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### PRESS RELEASE

#### TUD ADVISORY: THIS HOLIDAY SEASON REFRAIN FROM POURING GREASE DOWN YOUR DRAIN

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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 the collection site, residential customers can dispose of their used cooking oil and grease instead of washing it down the sink.

“We are glad to continue this partnership for our customers. 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 and is open from 8am to 4:45pm, 7 days a week (including Thanksgiving Day). For more details, please call Waste Management at 536-1719.

For more information on the best way to dispose of fats, oils and grease, please visit TUD’s website at [www.tudwater.com](http://www.tudwater.com) or stop by TUD’s office at 18885 Nugget Blvd., in Sonora for a free informational brochure.

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