

In Our Community...

The 6th Grade Class at All Saints School in Endicott, NY has been busy studying the harmful effects of grease oil disposal and alternative recycling options.

Did You Know: Because of how grease clogs, dumping grease down the drain can be very harmful? Grease isn't compatible with pipelines and clings to the insides of pipes which will eventually cause blockages and sewer spills. Locally this is harmful to the Sewage Treatment Plant and dangerous to wildlife. This has potential to cost a lot of money to municipalities and taxpayers.

However, there are plenty of alternatives!

Dump Stations: These stations would be easy to locate (in parking lots of gas stations, malls, large stores and supermarkets). When the containers are full, a company that recycles grease to make bio-diesel fuel could pick them up.

Curbside Recycling: Curbside pickup on a regular basis is another option.

Let it cool and throw it away: A very simple alternative is to let the grease cool and put it in an empty coffee can or milk carton, then throw it in the garbage.

Whatever you do, don't dump it down the drain!

Five 6th Graders: Casey Carlson, Finbarr Huff, Colin Nally, Alana Rundell, Anne Ziolkowski, and their teacher Christine Horowitz, represented their class by presenting the issues and alternatives to County Executive Debbie Preston. They are currently participating in Disney's Planet Challenge, which encouraged them to take on a local environmental issue.

Check back soon for a full report from the students!

