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City of Columbia Announces “Southern Fried Fuel” Environmental Initiative

The City of Columbia held a press conference on Monday, August 30, 2010 at 10:45am to announce a new environmental initiative, Southern Fried Fuel: From Frying Oil to Trash Truck Fuel. The press conference served as the official kickoff of the City’s new used cooking oil recycling program. Citizens are encouraged to drop-off their used cooking oil at the City’s Public Works Department. City of Columbia Green Business member, Midlands Biofuels, will then collect the cooking oil weekly and convert it into biofuel, which will be used to power one of the City’s garbage trucks. The press conference was held at the City of Columbia Public Works Facility, located at 2910 Colonial Drive.

Members of Columbia City Council, City staff and CPAC members, along with representatives from Midlands Biofuels, SCDHEC and Palmetto State Clean Fuel Coalition gave remarks. Also during the press conference, a demonstration of the proper use of the cooking oil collection tank was performed.

Citizens can now bring their used cooking oil to the City of Columbia’s Public Works Facility, (2910 Colonial Drive). The green used cooking oil recycling container will be located inside of the parking lot on the left hand side (near the wall). City of Columbia recycling bins will be accessible for disposal of containers that are no longer needed by citizens who drop-off their used cooking oil. * Motor oil **will not** be accepted. For more information call the City of Columbia Solid Waste Department at 545-3800, or the City of Columbia Sustainability Office at 545-2722.

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