

****REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WATER CONSERVATION HOTLINE FOR CURRENT WATER RESTRICTIONS! 214.509.3111. Call for recorded information on our current restrictions before you water your landscape! Or check website: cityofallen.org/water-conservation Never water during rain/freeze events.**

******WATER CONSERVATION HAS A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER VIA CONSTANT CONTACT!! TO SIGN UP:**

CityOfAllen.org/WaterConservationEnews



Help Defend your Drain and Sewer System from Common Problems

Despite efforts to maintain the sewer system, complications sometimes occur. Common causes include:

- Tree or shrub roots entering the system in search for water.
- Vandalizing the system by putting foreign or incompatible materials in sewer pipes or manholes.
- Disposing of grease, paper, garbage or household hazardous waste (HHW) down the drain. Defend Your Drains at all times from unwanted items that can potentially cause harmful sewer backups into the homes.
- Scrape all food scraps and grease solids into the trash. Pour cooled cooking oils and grease into container that can be sealed, then place into the trash. Wipe all fat, oils, and grease off of cooking utensils, dishes, and pots and pans with a paper towel and dispose into the trash before washing in the sink.
- The HHW Program collects used cooking oil. Call 214.509.4551 to schedule a pickup.

For More Information, Visit: CityofAllen.org/SewerMaintenance

***Fuel the Metroplex with Turkey Grease**

Oil and Texas have been synonymous for more than a century, but during the holiday season many Texans start thinking in terms of peanut oil. If you fry your turkey this season, consider donating the oil to be used as fuel for another project. Call 214.509.4551 to make an appointment for the City to collect your frying oil in the Household Hazardous Waste program. The frying oil will be donated to create biodiesel fuel.

***Give the Earth a Present**

When your piles of leaves are no longer a playground, it is time to consider an earth friendly use for them. Leaf it to us and we will compost them! Put leaves and other yard trimmings in paper lawn bags and place them at least two feet from your polycarts. They will be collected on your trash day. Leaves in plastic bags will not be collected.