



## Total Maximum Daily Load Newsletter

Fourth Quarter - December 2022

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# 2022 Holiday Grease Roundup

*Recolección de Grasa de Festividades 2022*

Nov. 14-Jan. 9 / nov. 14-ene. 9



**Holiday Grease Roundup is Happening Now!**

Be sure to keep your holiday cooking grease out of drains by participating in the 9th annual Holiday Grease Roundup through [Defend Your Drains North Texas](#). The Roundup kicked off on Monday, November 14, 2022 and will run until Monday, January 9, 2023. This campaign provides a place to recycle old cooking oil, fats, and grease to keep them out of our wastewater systems. The roundup also seeks to educate and inform the public about proper fat, oil, and grease disposal practices for when the campaign ends.

Forty-two participants have agreed to partner with the North Central Texas Council of Governments, the Wastewater And Treatment Education Roundtable, and American BioSource to help protect sewer systems and the environment by either providing additional drop-off locations or highlighting their existing services. There are currently 67 drop-off locations open during the Holiday Grease Roundup. Thanks to all of our partners! Further information about the Holiday Grease Roundup can be found by visiting the [Defend Your Drains North Texas page](#).

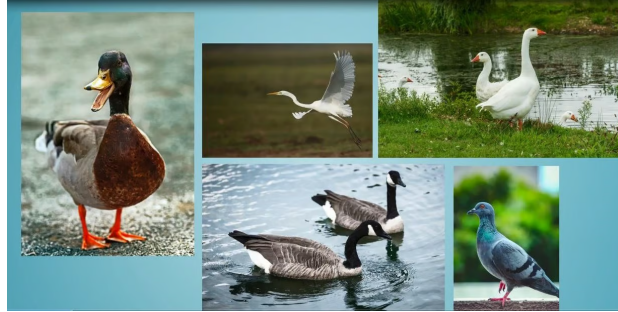
### Participating Communities and Partners:

Allen	Haltom City
Arlington	Irving
Azle	Lavon
Bedford	Lewisville
Carrollton	Little Elm
Cedar Hill	Mansfield
Cleburne	McKinney
Colleyville	Mesquite
Coppell	North Richland Hills
Copper Canyon	Princeton
Corinth	Red Oak
Dallas	Richardson
Denton	Sachse
Duncanville	Shady Shores
Edgecliff Village	Southlake
Farmers Branch	Waxahachie
Fate	Westworth Village
Fort Worth	White Settlement
Frisco	Tarrant County
Garland	Trinity River Authority
Grand Prairie	North Texas Municipal Water District

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[DefendYourDrainsNorthTexas.com](https://www.defendyourdrainsnorthtexas.com)

## Joint TMDL Stormwater and Wastewater Technical Subcommittee Meeting Recap



During the Joint TMDL Stormwater and Wastewater Technical Subcommittee Meeting, held via Microsoft Teams on October 11, 2022, the draft scripts and draft videos for "Don't Feed the Birds" and "No Muss, No Fuss- Be Wise When You Flush" were reviewed. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback! You can find the final videos linked below.

Each subcommittee then reviewed potential topics and projects to focus on in the coming months. The TMDL Stormwater Subcommittee attendees chose pet waste as the next topic for a future educational explainer video. The TMDL Wastewater Subcommittee attendees chose On-Site Sewage Facility (OSSF) mailers/postcards as the next project topic and type. Presentation slides are available [here](#) and a full summary is available [here](#).

### TMDL Project Update



The TMDL project team has finalized its two latest educational explainer videos. "Don't Feed the Birds", and "No Muss, No Fuss- Be Wise When You Flush" are available for viewing and sharing on the [NCTCOG Environment and Development YouTube Page](#). Direct Links to these videos are available on the buttons below.



"Don't Feed The Birds" Video

"No Muss, No Fuss- Be Wise When You Flush" Video

### Trash Free Waters Update



The Trash Free Texas team hosted a Single-Use Plastic Reduction Workgroup on Monday, November 7, 2022, from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., via Microsoft Teams. During the meeting,

two toolkits, one for cities and one for restaurants, containing resources, templates, and strategies for voluntarily reducing the use of single-use plastics in restaurant were reviewed. Feedback is being incorporated into the toolkits and a finalized version will be available in January 2023.

The Trash Free Texas team is currently seeking cities and restaurants to pilot some, or all, of the strategies in the respective toolkits for an amount of time that best suits your entity. Organizations who are interested in piloting can sign up by clicking the **"Sign-Up to Learn More About Piloting"** button below, and the project team will reach out to you in January 2023 with more details.

[Sign-Up to Learn More About Piloting](#)

### Trash Free Texas Team Seeks Plogging Pilot Participants

The Trash Free Texas team is seeking volunteers to pilot the [Recreational Litter Cleanup Toolkit](#). This toolkit provides cities, organizations, and other entities with resources to host cleanup events centered around recreational activities. Activities such as plogging (picking up litter while jogging) or pladdling (picking up litter while paddling) provide a unique way to engage recreationists in litter cleanup efforts. Participants can choose which portions of the toolkit to pilot. To sign up, please contact Crysta Guzman at [Cguzman@nctcog.org](mailto:Cguzman@nctcog.org).



## North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge Results

The results are in and the 2022 North Texas Community Cleanup Challenge (NTCCC) had another great year surpassing the 2021 results thanks to the efforts of all the participating communities and volunteers. Congratulations to the **City of Grand Prairie** for coming in on top of the leaderboard with an estimated 31,778 pounds of litter that was collected across their city during the challenge! We are thankful for all the effort that went into keeping our communities beautiful and litter free and are looking forward to another great Community Cleanup Challenge next year. You can learn more about the NTCCC by visiting the [information page](#).



## Upcoming TMDL Meetings



### TMDL Monitoring Coordination Forum Meeting

March 9, 2023  
9:30 - 10:30 AM

Virtual, via Microsoft Teams



### Joint Stormwater and Wastewater Subcommittee Meeting

March 21, 2023  
9:30- 11:00 AM

Virtual, via Microsoft Teams



### Upper Trinity River Basin Coordinating Committee

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February 15, 2023  
9:30 - 11:30 AM  
Location TBD

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## Upcoming NCTCOG Meetings



### Water Resources Council

January 10, 2023  
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
William Pitstick Conference Room  
NCTCOG Offices  
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington, TX  
76011.

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### Stormwater Public Education Task Force

January 18, 2023  
9:30AM- 11:30AM  
Virtual, via Microsoft Teams

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### Wastewater and Treatment Education Roundtable Meeting

February 2, 2023  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Metroplex Conference Room  
NCTCOG Offices  
616 Six Flags Drive, Arlington,  
TX 76011.

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December TMDL Newsletter

The North Central Texas Council of Governments is working with stakeholders to implement best management practices to address and prevent bacteria TMDLs in the North Central Texas region. To view the current Implementation Plan, or to utilize available resources, please visit [www.nctcog.org/TMDL](http://www.nctcog.org/TMDL).

