

Waste disposal

Oil bins for Arona



▲ The Arona council's environmental department

led by Antonio Sosa is considering the possibility of signing a working agreement with a company authorised to collect used cooking oils, a service which would be provided free of charge.

Antonio Sosa explained that, "this action would deal with the need to comply with current laws relating to the disposal of used cooking oils (mainly involving establishments such as bars, restaurants, cafés and hotels)".

He went on to say, "Compliance is a council responsibility", adding that, "because of this, we are defining the basis on which we can reach a formal agreement with a company which is authorised by the Canarian government's department for

the environment to collect used oils". Sosa explained that the Arona council are currently carrying out the administrative procedures which are needed to strengthen the selective collection of used vegetable oils and to find the best way of providing this public service.

At the same time, a list of all bars, restaurants, cafés and hotels in the district is being created to specify their locations and ensure that the service reaches each and every one of them.

He said that this action is needed because traditionally, used vegetable oil is tipped down sinks and toilets.

This significantly affects the environment, contaminating our waters and making the purification process more difficult. For this reason, used vegetable oils must be managed correctly. At the same

Proper disposal of domestic oils is just as important

time, the councillor for the environment emphasised the negative impact of the disposal of oils in rubbish sacks because while they are being carried to rubbish bins, they can leak onto the streets. In the case of classified activities

such as restaurants, once the agreement has been signed, they will each have special containers where they can deposit their used oils which, when full, will be collected by the authorised company.

Addressing the issue of the smaller quantities of used oils that generated by households, these must also be disposed of in an environmentally friendly way, and not be introduced into the drainage system by pouring them down sinks and toilets. They should be disposed of in containers (plastic water bottles for instance) and brought to your nearest Punto Limpio (Clean Point) when full. Finally, Antonio Sosa emphasised that this used oil collection service would be operated with no charges to either the council or the establishments concerned.

Comercial boost

Christmas wrapped up in Arona

▲ The Arona council is to run its annual campaign to encourage Christmas shopping in the district, under the catchphrase "When we give presents, the stars shine".

Arona's councillor for economic promotion, Dacia García Marcelino has already presented this year's campaign which will run from 1st December to 5th January, to the district's business owners. Organised by the Arona council with the collaboration of the chamber of commerce and the local business association, its strategy was designed by accountant and marketing specialist Miguel Galván who said, "the campaign is aimed at the concept of thoughtful shopping".

All the towns in Arona will benefit from this initiative which has been designed to promote Christmas shopping in local

businesses, especially in Las Galletas, Los Cristianos and Valle San Lorenzo which are already regarded as traditional shopping centres. The campaign encompasses various aspects, including the creation of childrens' play areas which are close to the shops, the organisation of sporting activities during working hours, also aimed at children, with the objective that they can be left with qualified staff while their parents go shopping. Packing points in strategic areas will enable shoppers to have items purchased from businesses participating in the campaign gift-wrapped free of charge, and of course there will be street entertainment and Christmas decorations.

Arona has begun its local Christmas shopping campaign



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