

DUNKIN' DONUTS BUILDS A HOME POWERED BY COFFEE

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US – The chain has worked with **New Frontier Tiny Homes** to create a microhome that runs on biofuel made with discarded coffee grounds.

The Home That Runs on Dunkin' is a fully functioning house featuring a kitchen, bedroom, bathroom and jacuzzi, which shows how coffee waste can be used as an energy source. The fuel that powers the home's generator is a biofuel blend, using 80% coffee oil extracted from spent grounds. It provides enough energy to run a washer-dryer, air conditioning, a fridge and lighting.

The space was initially located in New York's Madison Square Park, with consumers now able to rent it on Airbnb for £10 (\$13, €11.50) a night. While the tiny home is a one-off, the project demonstrates the opportunity for coffee brands to move beyond their **wasteful practices** to create a powerful and sustainable source of energy.

Last year Transport for London **announced** that it will use coffee grounds to power some of the city's buses.