

## PIMA COUNTY

## How-To Information for Swimming Pool Water Discharge



With the hot temperatures of summer, many area residents are turning to their swimming pools for fun and recreation. But

what should you do if you need to empty your pool for cleaning or repair? Specifically, are you allowed to discharge your swimming pool water in the sanitary sewer system?

In 2008, the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) authorized the discharge of swimming pool water into the private sewer line that connects buildings to the public sanitary sewer. The private line which is owned by the property owner is known as the house connection sewer (HCS). RWRD has adopted guidelines for residential or commercial discharges of swimming pool water through the private HCS into the public sanitary sewer system.

It is best to perform the discharge during low water use such as late-night hours.

When discharging water from your pool, use a small volume pump to connect to the HCS line. Remove the HCS cap to access this private sewer line which will be your discharge point. To prevent exceeding the capacity of your private HCS line, the discharge flow rate should not exceed 15 gallons per minute. It is important to control the flow rate so the HCS line does not cause a sewer overflow in your home, in a neighbor's home or on the street.

The use of public manholes and public cleanouts is prohibited. Pima County is not responsible for any damages, claims or other impacts resulting either directly or indirectly from residential or commercial discharges of swimming pool water to the public sanitary sewer system.

For additional information, access our website at [www.pima.gov/wwm/about/faq/pdf/PN0027-01.pdf](http://www.pima.gov/wwm/about/faq/pdf/PN0027-01.pdf)

## CITY OF TUCSON

## Easy Clean Up of Monsoon Debris

Monsoon season is the time of year almost all Tucsonans look forward to; the late afternoon thunderstorms and lightning shows, newly green flowers and trees. Unfortunately, it also means lots of overgrowth, yard debris and tree trimmings to remove.

Environmental Services (ES) offers residents twice a year collection for brush and bulky items, but your collection may not be



scheduled for a few months. What can you do now to easily take care of that monsoon-related waste? You can take advantage of a Special Brush and Bulky (B&B) collection that is available to eligible residents year round and you can share the cost with your neighbors. It's easy – for just \$55, ES will collect up to 10 cubic yards of material. (That is a lot of yard waste!) This fee will appear on your next month's utility bill so you don't have to worry about any up-front cost. You can also use this collection to dispose of any bulky items that you may have gathered since your last B&B collection.

If you have an alley, take this opportunity to cut back and trim trees, weeds and shrubs that grow so quickly with the summer rains. The overgrowth in alleys limits accessibility for ES collection vehicles and other utility vehicles that may need to work in the alley.

To schedule a special B&B pickup, or to get more information on items collected in the B&B program, just call ES Customer Service at (520) 791-3171 or visit [www.tucsonaz.gov/esd](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/esd).

**Your utilities services statement includes fees for your water, wastewater, and environmental services.**

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) – For more information about the regional wastewater system, call (520) 740-6500 or visit [pima.gov/wwm](http://pima.gov/wwm).

Environmental Services (ES) – Learn about how ES is protecting our groundwater and the environment at [tucsonaz.gov/esd](http://tucsonaz.gov/esd) and (520) 791-3171.