

PIMA COUNTY

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Take Advantage of Changes in Sewer Connection Fees

Have you thought of adding a plumbing fixture such as dishwasher or utility sink? Perhaps you have thought about adding a new bathroom or a laundry room. In the past, such additions would have required you to pay a sewer connection fee to the Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department. The Pima County Board of Supervisors recently made changes to the sewer connection fee policies. Those changes went into effect on July 1, 2012.

Under this new policy, no connection fees will be required if there is a record of your home being connected to the public sanitary sewer and there is no change to your water meter size.* In order to legally add a new plumbing fixture to your home, you still will be required to obtain a building permit and you will be responsible for any associated building permit fees required by the city or town where you live. If you live in unincorporated Pima County, you must seek a building permit from the county. Please check with your jurisdiction's development services department to determine what steps you need to take to obtain the permit. If you live in unincorporated Pima County, you can call (520) 740-6800 to learn what you need to do to get the required building permit.

The new policy replaces the former policy, which charged sewer connection fees based on fixture unit equivalents (FUE). Each plumbing fixture (i.e.: toilet, bathtub dishwasher, etc.) you added was assigned a value. In the past, the value of the FUEs added dictated what your sewer connection fee would be.

For more information, please access our webpage at http://www.pima.gov/wwm/fees/pdfs/New_Connection_Fee_Summary.pdf.

For questions and/or comments, please email us at rwr.connectionfee@pima.gov or call (520) 740-6642.

**This policy may differ if you live in certain areas of the Town of Marana or the Town of Sahuarita. Please contact those jurisdictions to determine if different rules apply to your situation.*

CITY OF TUCSON

Team Up to Clean Up!

If you are a City of Tucson Neighborhood Association member, you probably know that your association can plan a neighborhood clean up and have a limited number of roll-offs/dumpsters delivered for your use at no charge. Environmental Services (ES) is working with Housing & Community Development (HCD) to offer roll-offs and dumpsters so that neighbors can improve their neighborhood. Beginning in September, ES and HCD are expanding the program so that Tucsonans who are part of a homeowner's association, or a group of ten or more residents who all receive ES residential services, can plan a clean up of their own.

How it works

If you are part of a registered neighborhood association, visit the HCD website at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/hcd/neighborhood-clean-ups> to see information about the program or complete an application.

If you are a part of a group of residents in a formal homeowners' association, or an organized group of ten or more residents who all receive ES residential services, you can take advantage of this program. Each year, your group can request delivery of roll-off containers for your clean-up event. Call ES at 791-3171 or visit the ES website at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/es/neighborhoodclean-ups> to access program information and the application form. Organize a neighborhood clean up, fill out the application, and submit it with your preferred dates. We'll review your request and work with you to locate the roll-offs in a convenient location.

Organize your neighbors and fill up containers with all the stuff that's cluttering the neighborhood, alleys, and open areas. You can use this free neighborhood clean up to get rid of yard waste without waiting until a scheduled Brush & Bulky collection. It's a great opportunity to team up with your neighbors for a good cause, and you might just have some fun working together to Team Up to Clean Up Tucson!

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.

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