

Wastewater News

12TH ANNUAL GREASE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING EVENT

The 12th Annual Grease Collection and Recycling event will take place on January 7, 2017. This event will give you an opportunity to start the New Year off right by dropping off your used cooking oil and grease from all of your holiday cooking and baking.

Since the grease collection event began in November 2005, we have collected nearly 30,000 pounds of grease. We appreciate your support in helping us keep grease out of our sewers!

Please join the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department and our community partners: EDGE Group, Greycle, Pima Association of Governments, and the Town of Sahuarita for the Annual Grease Collection and Recycling Event on Saturday, January 7, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the collection locations listed below:

JANUARY 2017 GREASE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING LOCATIONS:

East	O’Rielly Chevrolet	6160 E. Broadway Blvd.
Midtown	City Council Ward 3 Office	1510 E. Grant Road
Northwest	Pima Vocational High School	5025 W. Ina Road
South	Kino Sports Complex	2500 E. Ajo Way
Sahuarita	Sahuarita Town Hall Complex	375 W. Sahuarita Center Way

The collected grease will be recycled into biodiesel, a cleaner burning fuel than regular diesel.

If you cannot visit one of our grease collection sites on January 7, you can always recycle your grease at the year-round location listed below:

YEAR-ROUND GREASE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SITE:

EDGE Group
8939 S. Eisenhower Road
520-790-3341
(Monday – Friday) 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
After hours by appointment

For more information, please contact us at 520-724-6500 or visit our website at:
www.pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation





RWRD RECEIVES INAUGURAL “UTILITY OF THE FUTURE TODAY” AWARD

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) received the first Utility of the Future Today Award on Sept. 27 in honor of its exceptional performance, efficient operations, and its commitment to water quality innovation. RWRD’s Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Office Program Manager, Jeff Prevatt, accepted the award during a ceremony at the 89th Annual Water Environment Federation’s Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference in New Orleans.

The award comes from the Utility of the Future Today Recognition Program launched earlier this year by a partnership of water sector organizations that includes the National Association of Clean Water Agencies, the Water Environment Federation, the Water Environment Research Foundation, and WateReuse, with support from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The program celebrates the advancements made by progressive wastewater industries nationwide to provide sustainable, efficient, and innovative ideas to improve water quality.

A committee selected RWRD as the recipient of this award from a list of 61 public and private utilities from the U.S., Canada and Denmark.

“We’re honored to receive this award and proud to see our RWRD facilities in the forefront of this industry,” said Jackson Jenkins, RWRD director. “We’re constantly seeking opportunities for innovation and technology advancements across the clean water chain to lead our industry forward in creating greater demand for reuse, biosolids, and nutrient recovery.”

As the second largest wastewater utility in Arizona, RWRD has contributed significantly to establishing Southern Arizona as a global leader in environmental technology, research innovation, with a constant emphasis on water quality. This started with the upgrade of its two largest treatment facilities in 2014 and continues through the creation of the Southwest Water Campus, a central hub for research and innovation related to water sector advancements.

The Water Campus is key to RWRD’s water reuse efforts, which currently provide turf irrigation needs to golf courses, community parks, schools and recharge the aquifer. Its laboratory currently performs over 48,000 annual analyses to ensure water reuse quality, achieving the highest designated water quality, Class A+.

“At RWRD we prepare for tomorrow, today. In addition to serving the wastewater needs of our community on a daily basis, we’re also working toward developing a solution to address any water shortage challenges we may face in the future,” Jenkins said.



Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Contact Information

General Information (during regular business hours)	520-724-6500
Roach Control Hotline	
(Automated line, please provide requested information and staff will return the call)	520-724-3401
Billing Section	520-724-6609
Sewer Emergencies	520-724-6500
To Report Odors	520-724-6500
Sewer Outreach Subsidy (Low-income bill assistance)	520-724-3794
Sewer Connection Information	520-724-6602
To Report Vandalism	911

You can also access this information and more on our website:
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