

Roger Road Wastewater Reclamation Facility Ceases Operations

After more than 60 years of service, Pima County's oldest wastewater treatment plant, the Roger Road Wastewater Reclamation Facility, is no longer treating the community's wastewater.

Replacing the Roger Road plant is a modern facility known as the Agua Nueva Water Reclamation Facility (WRF). The Agua Nueva WRF meets new stringent water quality requirements for effluent discharges. These requirements are mandated by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and are based on Clean Water Act standards.



The construction of the Agua Nueva WRF was part of the Regional Optimization Master Plan (ROMP) program, which was developed to meet Clean Water Act Standards at Pima County's two largest water reclamation facilities: the Agua Nueva WRF and the Tres Rios WRF (formerly known as the Ina Road Wastewater Reclamation Facility). The startup of the Agua Nueva WRF is being realized one year ahead of the regulatory compliance schedule of January 2015.

The cleanup and closure of the Roger Road facility will take approximately six months. There may be some minor odors associated with the clean-up activities.

Bring Your Own Bag! Tucson

Plastic bags used to package groceries and other purchases are convenient yet they are also the most visible source of litter in Tucson. In fact, between July 1 and September 30, 2013, nearly 52 million plastic bags were given out to Tucson customers but only about 18% of those were returned to the stores for recycling.

Do your part by joining the BYOBag Tucson movement and start making a difference today! BYOBag Tucson was started in Tucson at the request of the Mayor and City Council. The volunteer group works with local grocers and retailers to get the word out on how residents can help. Here's what you can do:

- **Reduce.** Opt for reusable bags when you go shopping. They are sturdy, generally hold more, and come in lots of colors and materials. They are also fairly inexpensive.
- **Reuse.** 'Single-use' plastic bags really have multiple uses: line smaller waste baskets, dispose of pet waste, sheath a wet umbrella, or incorporate into craft projects.
- **Recycle.** Every grocery store and large retailer in Tucson will take your plastic bags and other film plastic for recycling. Don't put it in your blue barrel, it clogs up the recycling machinery and just ends up in the trash. Visit BagCentralStation.com to see list of recycling partners.



For more information about single-use plastic bags and other film plastic, visit PlasticFilmRecycling.org

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

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