

Wastewater News

TENTH ANNIVERSARY DAY-AFTER-THANKSGIVING GREASE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING EVENT

Do your part to wipe out grease and save our sewers.

Please join the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department and our community partners: EDGE Group, Greecycle, Pima Association of Governments, and the Town of Sahuarita as we celebrate the tenth anniversary of the annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Grease Collection and Recycling Event on Friday, November 28, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Just a little bit of cooking grease, if poured down your drain, can:

- Clog your pipes
- Force costly repair bills
- Cause raw sewage to backup into your home

There is an easy solution:

- Pour your cooled grease into a container and toss it in the trash or
- Take it to one of our five convenient grease collection locations



**Never pour grease down
your drain!**

Day-After-Thanksgiving Grease Collection and Recycling sites:

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	Tucson Water Plant #2	1102 W. Irvington Road
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 are unable to make it out to one of our grease collection sites on the Day-After-Thanksgiving, you can always recycle your grease year-round at the following locations:

<p>Originate Natural Building Materials 526 N. Ninth Avenue Outside parking lot 24 hours / 7 days a week 520-792-4207</p>	<p>EDGE Group 8939 S. Eisenhower Road 520-790-3341 (Monday – Friday) 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.</p>	<p>Mary’s Market 1555 S. Tenth Avenue 520-884-8720 (Monday-Friday) 6 a.m. – 1 p.m.</p>
--	--	--

For more information, please contact us at (520) 724-6500 or visit our website at:
<http://www.pima.gov/government/WastewaterReclamation/grease>

Save Our Sewers

There are a number of items, in addition to grease, that should never be poured down the drain or flushed into the sewer system.

- **Disposable wipes** can clog pipes and are rarely, if ever, biodegradable in the sanitary sewer system. Manufacturers of these wipes often advertise these products as being fully biodegradable and flushable. Instead, when too many wipes accumulate in the sewer system, they often block sewer pipes and can lead to an overflow of raw sewage into your home, out of manholes, or into the environment. The best way to dispose of these wipes is in your trash.
- Many household products contain toxic substances that should never be poured down the drain. Products such as: **antifreeze, automotive fluids, pesticides and solvents** can be safely disposed of through the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Program. For information about the program, collection sites, dates and times, please call 888-6947 or visit their website at www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw. Please note that this program is free to residents of the City of Tucson. Residents from Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita and unincorporated Pima County will be charged a \$10 fee.
- **Medications** should not be flushed down the toilet or poured down the drain. Many pharmaceutical components found in medications are not completely removed through the wastewater treatment process and can end up in the environment. The Dispose-A-Med program minimizes the introduction of pollutants into our environment through the proper disposal of unused medications at collection sites throughout Pima County. For more information on the Dispose-A-Med program, please contact 724-7911, or visit the program’s website at www.disposeamed.pima.gov.



PIMA COUNTY
 WASTEWATER RECLAMATION

Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department Contact Information

General Information (<i>during regular business hours</i>).....	520-724-6500
Roach Control Hotline (<i>Automated line, please provide requested information</i>)	520-724-3401
Billing Section	520-724-6609
Sewer Emergencies	520-724-3400
To Report Odors.....	520-724-3400
Sewer Outreach Subsidy (<i>Low-income bill assistance</i>)	520-724-3794
Sewer Connection Information	520-724-6602
To Report Vandalism	911

PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

- Sharon Bronson, *Chair*, District 3
- Aly Miller, District 1
- Ramón Valadez, District 2
- Raymond J. Carroll, District 4
- Richard Elías, District 5

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR Chuck Huckelberry

You can also access this information and more from our website, <http://webcms.pima.gov/government/wastewaterreclamation>