

# Wastewater News

## GREASE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING EVENT MOVED TO A NEW DATE

Starting this year, the annual collection event will move to the second Saturday in January instead of the Day-After-Thanksgiving, as it happened for the last ten years. The next Grease Collection and Recycling event will take place on January 9, 2016. This 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 over 28,000 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 9, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the collection locations listed below:

## JANUARY 2016 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	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 cannot visit one of our grease collection sites on Jan. 9, you can always recycle your grease at these year-round locations:

## YEAR-ROUND GREASE COLLECTION AND RECYCLING SITES:

Originiate Natural Building Materials 526 N. Ninth Avenue Outside parking lot 24 hours / 7 days a week 520-792-4207	EDGE Group 8939 S. Eisenhower Road 520-790-3341 (Monday – Friday) 7 a.m. – 4 p.m.
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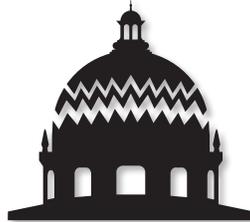
For more information, please contact us at (520) 724-6500 or visit our website at:  
<http://www.pima.gov/government/WastewaterReclamation/grease>



# SAVE OUR SEWERS

Help us save our sewers and don't pour these items down the drain or flush them into the sewer system.

- **Used Cooking Oil and Grease**, if poured down your drain, can clog your pipes, force costly repair bills, and cause raw sewage to backup into your home. We have an easy solution. Just pour your grease into a container and toss it in the trash or take it to a convenient grease collection and recycling location.
- **Disposable wipes** can clog pipes and rarely, if ever, decompose in the sewer system. Manufacturers of these wipes will often advertise these products as fully biodegradable and flushable. However, 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, neighborhood manholes, or the environment. The best way to dispose of wipes is in your trash.
- Many household products contain toxic substances that should never go 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](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/hhw). Please note this program is free to residents of the City of Tucson. Residents from Marana, Oro Valley, Sahuarita and unincorporated Pima County must pay a \$10 fee.
- **Medications** should not be flushed down the toilet or poured down the drain. The wastewater treatment process cannot completely remove the pharmaceutical contaminants found in medications and they 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 their website at [www.disposeamed.pima.gov](http://www.disposeamed.pima.gov).



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### WASTEWATER RECLAMATION

#### 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 from our website, [www.pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation](http://www.pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation)

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