

CITY OF TUCSON ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

## Q&A about Recycling Plastics

Here are the answers to the top five questions we get about recycling plastics:

- 1** What about plastic bags? Never put plastic bags in your **Blue Barrel** recycling. If you want to recycle plastic bags or any type of film plastic, take it to a grocery store plastic recycling bin.
- 2** When recycling plastic bottles, do I leave the cap on or off? Leave the cap on. Don't smash the bottles – they are easier to sort if they haven't been flattened.
- 3** Why isn't Styrofoam recycled? Styrofoam is only usable in block form. When Styrofoam blocks get thrown into a recycling collection truck, they get broken up and are not usable.
- 4** Do I need to rinse plastic bottles or jars? Try to get as much food out using a spoon or scraper. A light rinse is great but so is saving water!
- 5** Can I recycle plastic containers? For example, strawberry containers or bakery boxes? Absolutely! Just make sure they are free of food waste.

Follow these tips and you'll find that you can recycle most plastics in your **Blue Barrel**.

Send your questions to our Facebook page at **Do More Blue Tucson** or download the **Recycle Coach** app.

PIMA COUNTY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION

## Medications should NEVER be flushed!

Many medications are not removed through the wastewater treatment process and can end up in the environment when flushed down drains.

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department collaborates with the **Dispose-A-Med** Program. This program provides events and drop-off locations where you can safely dispose of unused and expired medication.

Visit the **Dispose-A-Med** website for more information:  
[www.disposeamed.pima.gov](http://www.disposeamed.pima.gov)



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**Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD)** (520) 724-6609 or visit [pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation](http://pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation)