

# Wastewater News

## Grease Collection and Recycling Event – January 5, 2019

Instead of pouring used cooking oil and grease down the drain or dumping it in the trash, store it in containers and bring it to the Grease Collection and Recycling Event. Help keep destructive oil and grease out of the sewer system!

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department and its partners, Greecycle, the Town of Sahuarita, Jacobs, and Gold Star Pumping invite you to start the year off right by taking your leftover grease to one of the six collection sites below:



### Grease Collection and Recycling Locations on Saturday January 5, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.:

East	O’Rielly Chevrolet	6160 E. Broadway Blvd.
Midtown	City Council Ward 3 Office	1510 E. Grant Rd.
Northwest	Pima Community College Northwest Campus	7600 N. Shannon Rd.
South	Kino Sports Complex	2500 E. Ajo Way
Sahuarita	Sahuarita Town Hall Complex	375 W. Sahuarita Center Way
West	Pima Community College West Campus	2202 W. Anklam Rd. (NEW LOCATION)

Collected grease will be recycled into biodiesel, a cleaner burning fuel that can reduce our dependence on crude oil.

## Store it, don’t pour it!

You can always recycle your grease at the year-round location listed below:

Agua Nueva WRF/Jacobs  
2947 W. Calle Agua Nueva, Tucson, AZ 85745  
Monday thru Friday, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
(520) 405-0438

For more information, please contact us at (520) 724-6500 or visit our webpage at [www.pima.gov/grease](http://www.pima.gov/grease)



## AZ Pure Water Receives Transformational and Environmental Excellence Award

Pima County’s Arizona Pure Water Brew Challenge project won the Transformational Innovation Award at the 33rd Annual WaterReuse Symposium, September 10, 2018, in Austin, Texas. The WaterReuse Association honored the project for its leadership, creativity, and persistence in supporting recycled water.



Each year, the WaterReuse Association recognizes individuals and projects that have made significant contributions toward support of water reuse during its annual WaterReuse symposium, which is dedicated solely to advancing the policy, technology, and innovation and public acceptance of recycled water.

Additionally, the AZ Pure Water Brew Challenge project was honored with the Crescordia Award, the highest award given in the Governor’s Award for Arizona’s Future category during the 38th Annual Arizona Forward Environmental Excellence Awards presented by SRP October 6, 2018, in Scottsdale Arizona. Arizona Forward recognized the project for its effort to effectively steward water resources and engage the public in sustainability efforts.



Arizona Forward presented awards in eight categories awarding 13 Crescordia winners, which is the top honor in each category, and 18 Awards of Distinction. As a finalist, AZ Pure Water will be spotlighted in a special section featured in the Phoenix Business Journal.

Led by the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, the AZ Pure Water project helped change the perception in many Arizona communities by using recycled wastewater to brew beer. One year later, Pima County’s AZ Pure Water project remains at the forefront of innovation inspiring new projects nationwide. Using a one-of-a-kind mobile potable reuse treatment facility, the project team, which included several Southwest Water Campus partners, treated more than 80,000 gallons of recycled community wastewater to use for a brew challenge competition, which culminated in 2017.

## The Intelligent Water Systems Challenge

Leaders Innovation Forum for Technology, a joint effort of Water Environment Federation (WEF) and Water Resource Foundation, hosted The Intelligent Water Systems Challenge. The competition challenged students, professionals, and technology experts to use innovation and data to help solve real-world issues facing water and wastewater utilities.

Water Environment Federation’s Technical Exhibition and Conference in New Orleans held September 29 – October 3, 2018, announced Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department the Most Elegant Solution Award for the creation of integrated data reporting tools for capturing data across multiple formats and databases to produce fewer and more refined reports for water reclamation facility-wide use.

## 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) 724-3400
Sewer Outreach Subsidy (Low-income bill assistance) .....	(520) 791-5443
Sewer Connection Information .....	(520) 724-9000
To Report Vandalism .....	911

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