

Wastewater News

Grease Collection and Recycling Event (*Cooking Grease ONLY*)

Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) from your kitchen should never be poured down the drain. Instead, store it in containers and bring it to the 15th Annual Grease Collection and Recycling Event.

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department and its partners, Greycle, The Town of Sahuarita, Jacobs, and Gold Star Pumping invite you to start the year off right by taking your leftover holiday grease to one of the six collection sites listed below on Saturday, January 4, 2020, from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.



Grease Collection and Recycling Locations

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 Road

The 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
520-405-0438



RWRD Engineer receives the Distinguished Leadership Award 2019

Imagine your boss and peers recognizing your highly and exceptional work and submitting an application for an award on your behalf. For RWRD’s Conveyance Division Project Manager David Badger, P.E., this was a reality! His team nominated him for the Design-Build Institute of America 2019 Distinguished Leadership Award in the Young Professional category. He will accept the award in front of roughly 2,000 design and construction industry professionals in Las Vegas, Nevada on November 2019. This is a case where thankfully, what happens in Vegas will not stay in Vegas! When asked about the award David stated, “I find it exceptionally humbling to receive an award from my peers and it encourages me to continue to strive to do my best.”

The Distinguished Leadership Awards recognize individuals that have demonstrated exemplary leadership and deploy best practices in the advancement of design-build methods.

Good job David Badger!

RWRD Recognized for Two RWRD Projects

On September 23, 2019, both Water and Wastes Digest and Industrial Water and Wastes Digest awarded RWRD’s Sabino Creek Pump Station and Force Main Project as their Top Project winner with a Crystal Award at the 2019 Water Environment Federation’s Annual Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC) in Chicago, Illinois.



Sabino Creek Pump Station and Force Main Project exemplified excellence in collaboration, strength in overcoming project challenges, and taking the project beyond just construction and technical goals. The Sabino Creek Pump Station and Force Main Project replaced a wastewater gravity pipe that crossed the Sabino Creek to the east, which serviced an area near Canyon Ranch Resort. To mitigate risk and ensure public safety, RWRD constructed a new 36-foot-deep lift station and a six-inch, 3,300-foot force main that eliminated the existing Sabino Creek gravity pipe crossing the wash.



In addition, the Metropolitan Pima Alliance selected The Twin Peaks/Blue Bonnet Sewer Project as the recipient of a 2019 Common Ground Award. RWRD will accept this award on November 1, 2019, at the JW Marriott Starr Pass Resort & Spa in Tucson.

The Common Ground Awards recognize community leaders, projects, and events demonstrating collaboration to the overall benefit of the community. The project provided a gravity sewer line near the Twin Peaks/Blue Bonnet road alignment to increase the capacity of the conveyance system in the growing and developed area. RWRD utilized a Design-Build Contract Method with its contractor Achen Gardner Construction. The design and construction took place simultaneously throughout the length of the contract to save time.

Congratulations to RWRD’s Conveyance Division Capital Improvement Program!

NACWA Awards RWRD Peak Performance Awards

On August 13, 2019, The National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) recognized five RWRD Water Reclamation Facilities (WRF) with their Peak Performance Awards. These awards recognize NACWA member’s facilities for excellence in regulatory permit compliance.

The Green Valley and Mt. Lemmon WRF earned a Platinum Award for more than five years of 100% compliance. The Tres Ríos and Agua Nueva WRF earned a Gold Award for no permit violations for the entire calendar year. The Avra Valley WRF earned a Silver Award for no more than five violations per the calendar year.

Great job to our Operations and Maintenance Operators at our treatment facilities for their hard work and dedication to ensure regulatory compliance! #RWRDProud



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) 724-3400
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

You can also access this information and more on our website:
www.pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation



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