

PIMA COUNTY

Ina Road Upgrade and Expansion Project Progresses

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) must meet environmental standards mandated by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), the agency that regulates the way Pima County conveys and treats the community's wastewater.

The Regional Optimization Master Plan (ROMP) has been developed to meet ADEQ-mandated standards to reduce nitrogen and ammonia levels in effluent. Effluent is treated wastewater that has been cleaned and is safe to return to the environment.

The ROMP is a multi-faceted project that will allow PCRWRD to meet these new ADEQ standards and to provide enough wastewater treatment capacity to meet the metropolitan area's wastewater needs through the year 2030. To date, two major components of the ROMP program are complete:

- The construction of a five-mile long, 72-inch pipeline.
- The construction of a state-of-the-art laboratory.



ROMP projects that are still under way include the construction of a new facility to replace the existing 60-year-old Roger Road Wastewater Reclamation Facility (WRF) and the upgrade and expansion of the Ina Road WRF.

The expansion and upgrade of the Ina Road WRF is being completed in phases. Prior to the ROMP, the capacity at the Ina Road WRF was 37.5 million gallons per day (mgd). Phase one, an 8.3 mgd expansion, was put into operation in September 2012. Additional expansions will continue until the Ina Road facility has a capacity of 50 mgd. Improvements to the Ina Road WRF are slated to be complete January 2014.

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If you lost plants during the freeze...

You are not alone. This winter's below-freezing temperatures damaged numerous cacti, plants and trees – many of which will be part of the yard waste and debris picked up during Environmental Services' Brush and Bulky Collection Program (B&B). With that in mind, here are some B&B requirements we need you to follow to provide quality, timely and safe service.



- Contain cactus. B&B crews are seeing lots of dead cactus lost due to freezing temperatures. For cactus to be B&B-ready, it must be boxed, bagged, or tarped. If cactus isn't contained, it may not be picked up because of the risk of injury to the collection crew.
- No tree trunks and limbs longer than 5 feet.
- DO NOT place materials on top of water or gas meters. If B&B materials cover up meters, collection equipment may cause damage.
- Check your reminder door hanger to ensure you are putting out materials that will be collected by the B&B crew.
- Don't place B&B materials out in front of your home or in the alley behind your home earlier than two weeks before your slated collection date.
- Separate tires from the rest of your materials.
- The B&B crew will collect up to 10 cubic yards of material – about the size of 10 washing machines!
- Remember if you don't have a B&B collection scheduled soon, you can order on-demand service for a fee by calling customer service.

Take advantage of B&B and find out more: schedules are available at www.tucsonaz.gov/esd or by calling customers service at (520) 791-3171. Use the 'my-waste' smartphone app to calendar your B&B collection dates and to send you a reminder.

Your utilities services statement includes fees for your water, wastewater, and environmental services.

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) – For more information about the regional wastewater system, call (520) 740-6500 or visit pima.gov/www.

Environmental Services (ES) – Learn about how ES is protecting our groundwater and the environment at tucsonaz.gov/esd and (520) 791-3171.