

PIMA COUNTY

Statewide Assistance Network Ensures Community Health and Safety

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) is a member of the Arizona Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (AzWARN) program, a statewide mutual assistance program made up of water and wastewater utilities in Arizona.

Some incidents may overwhelm the ability of a single water or wastewater utility to provide services to its customers. The AzWARN member network allows utilities to help one another during an emergency by providing equipment, services, communications and supplies to help restore or avoid service interruptions.

The AzWARN program was created in 2008 to ensure that water and wastewater resources and facilities remain operational in a disaster or an emergency. Functioning water and waste water systems are critical to the public's health and safety.

AzWARN is part of a nationwide effort to establish a Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN). The effort is led by the American Water Works Association and is supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

There are 17 water and wastewater jurisdictions/entities in Arizona participating in the AzWARN program: Arizona Division of Emergency Management, City of Avondale, Town of Buckeye, Town of Camp Verde, City of Flagstaff, Town of Gilbert, City of Glendale, City of Goodyear, Town of Marana Utilities Department, Metro Water District, Town of Oro Valley Water Utility, City of Peoria, City of Phoenix Water Services Department, Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, City of Scottsdale, City of Tempe Water Utilities Department, and City of Tucson Water Department.

For more information, go to <http://www.azwarn.org>.

CITY OF TUCSON

Environmental Services – By the Numbers

Tucson residents know that Environmental Services (ES) collects and disposes of their trash and recycling once a week. ES does this and much more to make sure Tucson's environment is clean and healthy. Here are some fun and interesting facts about ES:

- 82 trucks drive approximately 1.5 million miles to collect trash and recycling. That is equal to making three round trips to the moon or 60 trips driving around the circumference of the earth!



Brush and Bulky crews help to clean up more than 100,000 yards each year.

- Residents recycle enough to earn the City more than \$1.5 million.
- Methane produced by decomposing trash is sent to Tucson Electric Power, where it is converted to energy that provides all the power needs for about 4,000 homes.
- Each year, the City's Los Reales Landfill buries enough trash to fill Arizona Stadium.
- 98% of what is collected through the Household Hazardous Waste program is redistributed or recycled.
- Nearly 23,000 gallons of paint are collected and redistributed each year through the Household Hazardous Waste program, enough to paint the White House 40 times!
- Every year, we answer 300,000 minutes of customer calls—equal to watching “Gone with the Wind” 1000 times.

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/wwm.

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