

PIMA COUNTY

## Recycle Used Cooking Oil the Friday after Thanksgiving

On Friday, November 29, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. please join the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department and our community partners – EDG Fuels, Greecycle, Pima Association of Governments and the Town of Sahuarita – for the ninth annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Grease Collection and Recycling event.

Ordinary cooking grease can clog sewer pipes and act as a magnet for grit and other debris. Eventually the buildup of grease can clog sewer lines and may result in a sanitary sewer overflow (SSO). An SSO is the backup of raw sewage into the street, the environment, or into homes and other buildings.

To avoid a grease-related SSO, don't pour grease down your drain. After cooking, allow grease and oils to cool, and then pour them into a can or jar. It is safe to dispose of such oils in the trash, but it is better to bring them to one of five collection sites at the Day-After-Thanksgiving Collection and Recycling event:

### 2013 Day-After-Thanksgiving Collection Sites

Friday, November 29, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

**East—O'Reilly Chevrolet**, 6160 E. Broadway Blvd.

**Midtown – City Council Ward 3 Office**,  
1510 E. Grant Road

**Northwest – Pima Vocational High School**,  
5025 W. Ina Road

**South –Tucson Water Plant #2**, 1102 W. Irvington Road

**Sahuarita**, 375 W. Sahuarita Center Way

The grease and oils you drop off will be recycled into biodiesel, a cleaner burning fuel that can help us decrease our dependence on crude oil. For more information, please contact us as (520) 724-6500 or <http://www.pima.gov/government/WastewaterReclamation/grease>.

CITY OF TUCSON

November 15

## America Recycles Day

With Americans pledging to increase their recycling habits on November 15, America Recycles Day, it's a great time to focus on some easy ways you and your family can recycle more locally. Up to 37% of what is put into our trash, could actually be recycled instead.

Remember no sorting is required, so fill your Blue Barrel to the brim with:



- ✦ **All plastics – just no plastic bags or Styrofoam**
- ✦ **Junk mail, phone books, catalogs and magazines**
- ✦ **Cans – aluminum, steel and tin cans**
- ✦ **Paper – newspaper, writing paper, copy paper, brown paper bags**
- ✦ **Glass food and beverage bottles and jars**

So think about what you throw away and ask “Can this be recycled?” Grab more opportunities to recycle and make a difference: help to save our desert environment, energy and precious natural resources.

**Fact:** Instead of recycling, the average household throws away about 13,000 pieces of paper a year – mostly junk mail and packaging. Each ton of paper recycled in our community can save 17 trees, 380 gallons of oil, three cubic yards of landfill space, 4,000 kilowatts of energy, and 7,000 gallons of water.

Go to [DoMoreBlue.com](http://DoMoreBlue.com) or go to the recycle infoline at (520) 791-5000 for more information on ways to make every day a recycling day.

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

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRRWD) – For more information about the regional wastewater system, call (520) 724-6500 or visit <http://www.pima.gov/wwm>.

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