

PIMA COUNTY

Day-After Thanksgiving Collection Sites Recycle Used Cooking Grease

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department's (RWRD) Save our Sewers Campaign will be in full swing in November when the department works with community partners on the day after Thanksgiving – November 25 – to collect cooking grease and oil.

Pouring cooking grease and oil down the drain can cause sewage to back up into streets, homes and the environment.

Bring used cooking grease and oil to any of these four collection sites, open on Friday, November 25, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

East – O'Reilly Chevrolet, 6160 E. Broadway Boulevard, one block west of Wilmot Road.

Midtown – Ward 3 Office, 1510 E. Grant Road, between Vine and Cherry Avenues.

Northwest – Pima County Industrial Wastewater, 5025 W. Ina Road, a quarter mile west of I-10.

South – City of Tucson, Water Plant #2, 1102 W. Irvington Road. From I-19, exit onto Irvington Road. Turn right at the first light, across from the McDonald's.

Town of Sahuarita – Park & Ride Parking Lot, 375 W. Sahuarita Center Way.

This annual day-after Thanksgiving collection event gives the community an opportunity to recycle their grease, ensure the integrity of our sewer system and to help our desert environment. Another benefit: local companies transform the grease and oil collected into biodiesel, creating a cleaner-burning fuel and helping to reduce dependence on foreign oil.

This recycling event is a partnership of the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, Pima Association of Governments, Town of Sahuarita, Greycle and EDG Fuels.

To find out about year-round grease collection sites, call (520) 740-6500 or click on pima.gov/wwm/programs/sos/docs/Grease.pdf.

CITY OF TUCSON

Take Advantage of Los Reales' Services

We don't often think about what happens to trash after it's taken out and removed. Where does trash go after it's removed? In Tucson, residents' trash is taken to the Los Reales Landfill, where it is disposed of in facilities fully lined to protect our groundwater and environment. The Los Reales Landfill also offers these additional services for residents:

- **Self-hauling.** If you have debris due to yard clean-up or remodeling, you may want to haul it yourself to the landfill. The self-hauling fee for up to 2,000 lbs. is just \$15.
- **Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).** Los Reales is a satellite facility for the Tucson/Pima County HHW Program, free to residents. Bring paint, solvents, auto/rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, or items marked 'toxic' and drop them off at the HHW area.
- **Scrap Metal Drop-off.** Do you have old appliances or other scrap metal? There is a \$5 disposal fee for appliances that contain refrigerant; all other metals are accepted at no charge.
- **Recycling.** The landfill has a Neighborhood Recycling Center. Drop off cardboard, plastics, rigid plastics, and paper products before you weigh-in at the scales. Recycling will lighten your load and may save you money. It also conserves landfill space.

For more information on the Los Reales Landfill, located at 5300 E. Los Reales Road, call (520) 791-3171 or visit our website, tucsonaz.gov/esd. Los Reales is open Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Los Reales Landfill is the only City-owned, active landfill in Tucson. Opened in 1967, it will continue to serve Tucsonans for the next 50 years.

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

The Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (RWRD) – 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.