



NOVEMBER 2009

## Day-After-Thanksgiving Grease Collection and Recycling Event

**Friday, Nov. 27 • 9 am to 1 pm**

Save our sewers! Always pour cooled cooking grease into an empty can and not your drain!

When grease is poured down the drain, it can accumulate in our sewer lines, eventually causing blockages in the sewer system. Such blockages can cause the back up raw sewage into streets, the environment, and even into homes and other buildings.

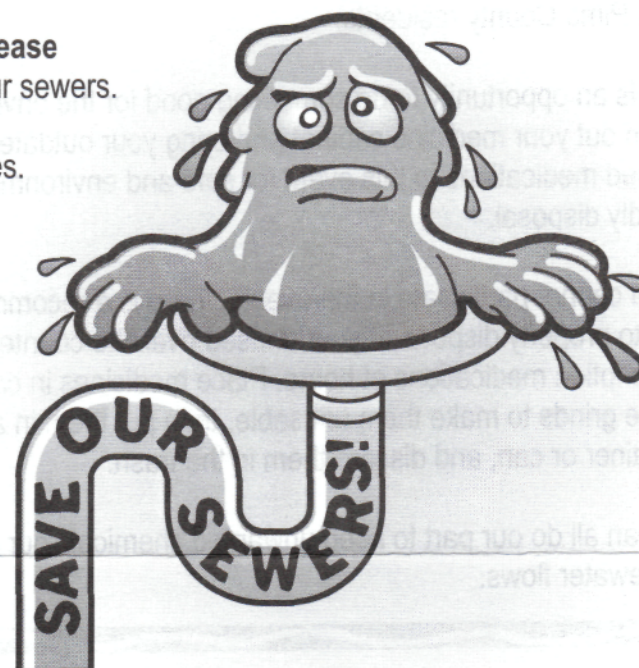
**Join us for the fifth annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Grease Collection and Recycling Event.** Do your part to save our sewers.

Bring your used grease to one of our grease collection sites.

East – O'Reilly Chevrolet  
6160 E. Broadway Blvd.  
One block west of Wilmot Road

Northwest – Industrial Wastewater Control  
5025 W. Ina Road  
1/4 mile west of I-10

South – Tucson Water Plant #2  
1102 W. Irvington Road  
On Irvington Road, I-19 exit. Across the street from McDonald's Restaurant



The grease collected from this event will be recycled into biodiesel, a cleaner burning fuel.

**Never pour grease down a drain!**

Since the Grease Recycling Program began in 2005, we have collected and recycled more than 6,786 pounds of used cooking oil and grease.

The Grease Recycling Event is a joint partnership of the Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department, Pima Association of Governments, and Greecycle.

For information on year-round grease collection sites, please contact Greecycle at [www.greecycle.com](http://www.greecycle.com) or 628-4300.





## Safely Dispose of Your Medications

Unused medications should not be flushed down drains and toilets because some chemicals found in medications are not removed in the wastewater treatment process.

The Oro Valley Police Department, along with other local agencies, will be hosting a Prescription Take-Back Event, on Saturday November 14 and December 19, from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Oro Valley Wal-Mart located near the intersection of Tangerine Road and Oracle Road.

These Prescription Take-Back events are available for the collection and safe disposal of unused medications, and are open to all Pima County residents.

This is an opportunity to do something good for the environment. Clean out your medicine cabinet and bring your outdated and unused medications to this event for safe and environmentally-friendly disposal.

If you cannot participate in the events, there is a recommended way to properly dispose of your unused over-the counter and prescription medications at home. Place medicines in cat litter or coffee grinds to make them unusable, then put them in an opaque container or can, and discard them in the trash.

We can all do our part to keep unwanted chemicals out of our wastewater flows.



## New updates to our website

Accessing our website has never been easier. We have updated our website to make it easier for you to navigate and find the information you need.

In our redesign, we have added multiple avenues to access information. We have also added a new feature to allow you to email your questions, concerns or comments directly to us.

You can check out our new website, at [www.pima.gov/www/](http://www.pima.gov/www/).

### Contact Us

Please call 443-6500 to report odors or problems with the sanitary sewer system. We have staff available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to assist you. You can also access our website at [www.pima.gov/www/resident.htm#problems](http://www.pima.gov/www/resident.htm#problems)

### Important Phone Numbers

Billing Section .....	740-6609
Roach Control Hotline (Automated line, please provide requested information).....	443-6501
Sanitary Sewer Overflows .....	443-6500
Sewer Outreach Subsidy (Low-income bill assistance).....	243-6794
Sewer Vandalism Reporting .....	443-6500

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