

SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

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SERVICE SPOTLIGHT: SCOTTSDALE'S INNOVATIVE WATER RECYCLING SYSTEM

More than 600,000 people were part of record-breaking crowds at the Waste Management Phoenix Open in February, with millions more watching on television.

While the golfers were the center of attention, the real star was the beautiful turf beneath their feet – made possible in part by an innovative system that recycles used water from Scottsdale homes, resorts and businesses.

The city's Advanced Water Treatment Facility can recycle 20 million gallons a day of water for both groundwater replenishment and golf course irrigation, which is delivered as part of the Reclaimed Water Distribution System.



A massive reverse osmosis system is part of the treatment process that recycles wastewater for irrigation and groundwater replenishment.

The system is a public-private partnership funded by 23 golf courses in Scottsdale (including TPC Scottsdale) to provide water for large turf irrigation without relying on groundwater.

In the non-peak-watering months, the city capitalizes on the system's excess capacity to replenish groundwater supplies. In 2014 alone, the city recharged more than 1.7 billion gallons of water into the aquifer.

Scottsdale's system is so successful, it was recently named among the world's most innovative water purification projects by the WaterReuse Research Foundation and the Australian Water Recycling Centre of Excellence.

Learn more about this innovative system and the international recognition it has earned at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "RWDS."



Pitch in! Citywide litter pickup is Saturday, April 16

Volunteers are invited to keep Scottsdale "Clean and Scenic" as part of the Keep Scottsdale Beautiful event Saturday, April 16. Residents and businesses that have adopted a road are encouraged to do their litter pickup on this day. Not part of the city's Adopt A Road program? You're welcome to join in the effort on a one-time basis! Trash bags, safety vests and cotton gloves are provided to all groups that register for the event. To participate, register at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Adopt a Road."

Borrow landscape equipment for neighborhood cleanups

It's spring and the weather's great! Grab your neighbors, a pair of work gloves and borrow a trailer loaded with landscape tools for a neighborhood cleanup. There's also a roll off dumpster available to put yard waste in – and we'll haul it away for free. With your approved application, the city will deliver the equipment on a Friday and pick it up Monday. You must have a minimum of five households or at least five volunteers, and we require two weeks advance notice. Look for program information at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Neighborhood Cleanup Program." Equipment reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis ... so get your weekend cleanup planned now.

Curb address painting kits available for loan

Is your house number hard to read, unlit or obscured by landscaping? Add painted house numbers to your curb by borrowing our free curb painting kit, which includes stencils, masking tape, brushes and instructions. You supply the paint and elbow grease! Get details at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "curb address painting."

Organize a neighborhood block party

Neighborhood block parties are a great way to get to know your neighbors, build relationships, promote neighborhood safety, create a sense of community and ... have fun! We've created tips to make it easy for you to host your event. The city loans block party equipment such as ice chests, traffic cones and pop-up canopies for free. We can even suggest games to play, civic visitors, guests and party planning tips. Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "block parties."



**PAY IT FORWARD DAY
IS APRIL 28**

*Perform acts of kindness
and inspire others, too!*

Learn easy ways you can participate and see how the city of Scottsdale Pays it Forward - just visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "Pay it Forward."

DRAIN YOUR POOL THE RIGHT WAY

With summer nearly upon us, it's pool maintenance time! Draining and backwashing can help keep your pool summer ready, but properly disposing that water is one of the most important ways you can protect the environment and respect your neighbors.



Draining your pool via the sanitary sewer cleanout.

Never discharge pool water to the storm drain in your street

It's not only a nuisance to neighbors, pool water is high in salt and/or chemicals. When discharged to the street, it flows untreated into the city's flood control system. Along the way it picks up oil and debris before settling in retention basins or eventually making its way to the Salt River, where it can kill aquatic life and contaminate our drinking water.

So where should you drain your pool?

Option 1: Reuse your pool water to irrigate your landscape

Allowing the water to percolate into the ground on your property lets you reuse the water you already paid for and conserve the water you would otherwise need for irrigation. For best results, wait three to seven days after treatments to allow chlorine to dissipate. The pH should be in the 7-8 range and you'll want to make sure your landscape has salt-tolerant plants (avoid fruit trees and roses).

Option 2: Drain to your sanitary sewer cleanout

If you have too much water for your landscape, drain or backwash the pool into your sanitary sewer cleanout. The cleanout will look like two four-inch round caps with a square nut on top. Use the one closest to your house.

Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "pool draining." Happy swimming!

WE'RE MAKING HOUSE CALLS FOR HAZARDOUS WASTE

Did you know the Solid Waste Department will come to your house to pick up household hazardous waste like paint, cleaners and motor oil? That stuff should not go in your trash or down your drain.

Residential utility customers may use the Household Hazardous Waste Home Collection Program three times per calendar year at no charge. The costs are already included in your garbage rates.

Step 1: Visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "HHW." Fill out the home collection form and explain what you would like us to pick up.

Step 2: You will receive a confirmation email with anticipated pickup dates, and you'll get a reminder email the day before your collection appointment.

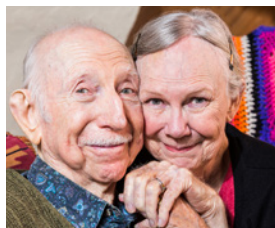
Step 3: Set out items for collection by 7 a.m. on your scheduled collection day. All containers must be properly labeled and placed outside by your front door or garage. The largest container eligible for collection is 5 gallons. You are eligible to have 20 gallons of waste picked up per appointment.

If you have questions or need additional information on the Household Hazardous Waste Home Collection Program, call 480-312-5600 or visit ScottsdaleAZ.gov and search "HHW."



STAMP OUT HUNGER MAY 14

Help restock Vista del Camino Food Bank during the Stamp Out Hunger food drive. Place non-perishable food items near your mailbox Saturday, May 14. Your letter carrier will pick up and deliver the food to local food banks, including Vista. For more information, visit Facebook.com/StampOutHunger.



HELP SENIORS BEAT THE HEAT

The Via Linda and Granite Reef senior centers provide "Beat the Heat" care packages for homebound seniors in Scottsdale each June. Donate new reusable water bottles, nutritional supplement drinks, bottled water, healthy snacks, stamps and grocery gift cards (\$35 & up). Drop donations at the Via Linda Senior Center by Friday, June 3. Learn more at ScottsdaleAZ.gov, search "Beat the Heat."

THINGS TO DO

For details search terms in bold at ScottsdaleAZ.gov:

- **Run the Runway** offers "plane" old fun, April 2
- Get your green thumb at library's **Garden Expo**, April 2
- Senior Services' **Entertainment Extravaganza**, April 6
- Bikes and beauty: **Cycle the Arts**, April 17
- Drowning is no joke - **April Pools Day**, April 24
- Sunday **Summer Concert Series**, begins May 1
- Recycle **unwanted electronics**, May 7

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