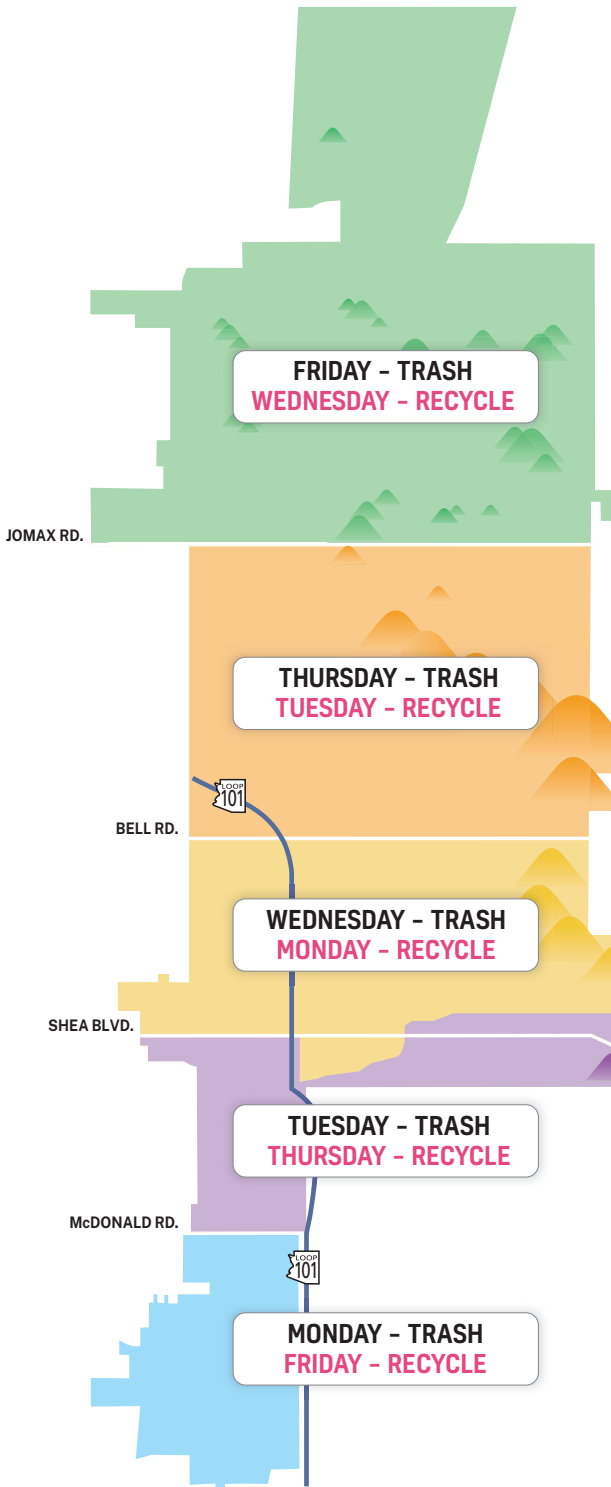


# SCOTTSDALE UPDATE

News for our residents and customers

October/November 2021



## BEGINNING NOV. 1, MOST SCOTTSDALE TRASH AND RECYCLING RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE A NEW PICK-UP DAY

Current trash and recycling routes have become unbalanced as the city has grown. Revising routes will improve efficiency and make it easier to process recyclables by picking up recycling and trash five days a week. To achieve this, about 95 percent of Scottsdale residents will have a change to their trash and/or recycling curbside days. Learn how you will be affected at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “Solid Waste.” Enter your address in the top left corner of the “*Find my pick-up schedule*” or call 480-312-5555. Residents who are not impacted by a change in collection days may see a difference in collection time as the process becomes more efficient.

## SCOTTSDALE VOTERS WILL WEIGH-IN ON CITY’S FUTURE BLUEPRINT IN NOVEMBER ELECTION

A plan defining Scottsdale’s goals for growth, development, character, mobility and a variety of other community aspects will go to voters Nov. 2.

Proposition 463 asks voters to consider whether to ratify or not ratify the Scottsdale General Plan 2035, adopted by the Scottsdale City Council in June.

This Scottsdale election will be conducted completely via mail. Every registered voter will be sent a ballot with a postage-paid return envelope. The last day to register to vote in the special election is Monday, Oct. 4. An election informational pamphlet will be mailed to each household with a registered voter in late September and ballots will be mailed in early October.

Arizona State Statutes require each city to adopt a comprehensive, long-range General Plan to guide the physical development of the community. Arizona law requires that communities adopt a General Plan and outlines the content the plan must contain. The current Scottsdale General Plan was adopted in 2001 and ratified by the voters in 2002.



Read the adopted plan, review frequently asked questions and learn more at [Scottsdale.Vote](https://www.scottsdale.vote).

### KEY DATES TO REMEMBER:



**Monday, Oct. 4:** Last day to register for the special election by mail

**Wednesday, Oct. 6:** Ballots mailed to every registered voter

**Friday, Oct. 22:** Last day to request a replacement ballot

**Tuesday, Oct. 26:** Recommended date to mail completed ballot

**Tuesday, Nov. 2 (7 p.m.):** Deadline for ballots to be received (NOT postmarked) by Maricopa County

**Most city offices closed for Veterans Day and Thanksgiving/day after.** Garbage and recycling collection is not affected Thursday, Nov. 11. However, there will not be collection Thursday, Nov. 25. Collection moves back one day later than usual through Saturday. Get the holiday schedule. Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](https://www.scottsdaleaz.gov), search “solid waste.”

## CITY ACTIVATES DROUGHT MANAGEMENT TEAM

The United States Bureau of Reclamation declared a Colorado River “Tier 1 shortage.” In response, Scottsdale City Manager Jim Thompson implemented “Stage 1” of Scottsdale’s Drought Management Plan. This activates a team of city leaders to initiate increased water education, conservation and outreach efforts.



This first-ever declaration means a water supply shortage for most of Arizona in 2022. But not in Scottsdale. Thanks to our advanced planning and infrastructure investments, Scottsdale residents and businesses will not see a change. Scottsdale Water will continue to deliver water without interruptions because of our diverse water resources portfolio including: Salt and Verde rivers, groundwater and reclaimed water. Scottsdale’s rights to the Colorado River also will be largely untouched by the Tier 1 shortage declaration with only an estimated 3 percent reduction.

Residents and businesses will not be mandated to reduce water use in Tier 1. However, we are asking everyone to voluntarily increase water conservation efforts, which will help to secure the city’s future water supply.

Get city [water conservation tips](#) on our website and take advantage of Scottsdale’s latest technology, [WaterSmart](#), which allows customers to monitor and assess their water usage. Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “shortage.”

## INVESTING IN OUR FUTURE



The new Pima Dynamite Trailhead provides public recreational access to the extensive network of trails in the northern region of Scottsdale’s McDowell Sonoran Preserve. Amenities include parking; restrooms; a covered ramada and small educational amphitheater; interpretive, directional, and regulatory signage; and drinking fountains for hikers and dogs. Funding for this project comes from the voter-approved 2004 Preserve Sales Tax. Learn more at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “construction.”

## NEWS BRIEFS:

**Celebrate the McDowell Sonoran Preserve’s Month.** On Oct. 3, 1994, the Scottsdale City Council formally dedicated the first lands for the preserve. The “Day One” preserve was 4.5 square miles consisting of three parcels of city-owned land. Today, this permanently protected, sustainable desert habitat encompasses 47 square miles ... about one-third of Scottsdale’s land area. Read more about the preserve in the special insert included with your utility bill.

**Scottsdale Water is 50!** Scottsdale Water celebrates 50 years (1971-2021) of providing quality drinking water and advanced reclamation services to Scottsdale businesses and residents. Through initiative technology, advanced planning, and commitment from local officials, residents and businesses, Scottsdale Water will continue to lead the industry into the future. View the historical timeline at [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “water timeline.”

**National Fire Prevention Week is Oct. 3-9.** This year’s theme is “Learn the Sounds of Fire Safety!” Learn the different sounds that smoke and carbon monoxide alarms make. Knowing what to do when an alarm sounds will keep you and your family safe. When an alarm makes noises – a beeping sound or a chirp, you must take action. Learn more at [NFPA.org](#).

**City hosts Veterans Day Commemoration.** Honor those who have served in the United States Armed Forces at 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 11, at the McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Road. Check [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#) in the next month for more details.

**“Scottsdale Shares” program assists with holiday donations.** [Scottsdale Shares](#) provides one point of contact for residents, businesses and organizations seeking to assist those in need through donations or volunteer activities. For information visit, [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#), search “Scottsdale Shares.”

## CALENDAR:

[The Old Town Farmers Market](#) is set to reopen Saturday, Oct. 2. Buy food and specialty items supplied by locals. Hours are 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through May, at 3806 N. Brown Ave.

**You won’t lose with GAIN – Getting Arizona Involved In Neighborhoods!** Arizona’s answer to National Night Out unites communities to create safer neighborhoods. This year’s celebration begins at 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 16, in a fun, safe and mobile way. Pack a picnic and party with the parade ... we encourage residents to physically distance with their neighbors in their driveways or safely along the various parade routes.

Visit [ScottsdaleAZ.gov](#) and search “GAIN” or call 480-312-3111 for more information.



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