

## Working in Gardens with Reclaimed Water

Recycled water is an important water resource. Tucson Water uses some of its recycled water to produce reclaimed water, which is specially treated for applications such as irrigation, dust control, and industrial uses. Reclaimed water is excellent for the irrigation of turf, ornamental landscaping, food crops, orchards, and vineyards.

Reclaimed water is classified by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality as Class A water. Reclaimed water is not treated to be used for drinking or bathing.

Below are some suggestions from the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality about working safely with reclaimed water in your garden:

- Wear latex gloves to work in gardens irrigated with reclaimed water.
- Avoid working in gardens irrigated with reclaimed water if you have cuts or open sores on your hands.
- If you come in direct contact with reclaimed water, wash the exposed area as soon as possible with soap and water from a drinking water faucet. If your hands come in contact with reclaimed water, avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth until you can thoroughly wash your hands.
- After working in a garden irrigated with reclaimed water, you should not smoke or consume food or beverages until your hands have been thoroughly washed.
- Any clothing which may incidentally come into contact with reclaimed water should be washed as soon as possible.