

CITY OF TUCSON ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

Reuse Styrofoam or Toss it in Your Trash Bin

The City of Tucson does not recycle Styrofoam because there is no market for it. Styrofoam – also called polystyrene – comes in many forms, including packing peanuts and packaging blocks; egg cartons; plates, drink cups and food containers; and even coolers.

Here are some ways to reuse Styrofoam:

- Use it for craft or children's art projects
- Line the bottom of a planter to reduce the amount of soil needed
- Reuse packing peanuts, or take to a neighborhood packaging/mailing service

Even better, avoid Styrofoam by opting for glass, paper or other recyclable materials or not buying Styrofoam products.

Visit <http://1.usa.gov/1Q3L8an> to learn more about re-using Styrofoam.

PIMA COUNTY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION

Don't flush your "flushable" wipes down the toilet!

Most wipes do **not** break down like toilet paper.

They can clog screens, block pipes, and cause millions of dollars worth of damages.

Toss those wipes in the garbage!



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

Environmental Services (ES) (520) 791-3171 or visit [tucsonaz.gov/environmental-services](http://tucsonaz.gov/environmental-services)  
 Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) (520) 724-6500 or visit [www.pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation](http://www.pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation)

ARE YOU WATER SMART?

Tucson Water became a City of Tucson utility in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 1822
- B. 1956
- C. 1977
- D. None of the above

Answer: **D.** On July 24, 1900, the City of Tucson purchased the privately-owned Tucson Water Company for \$110,000.

WATER Etc.

Customer Question

How can Tucson Water help me find and fix leaks?

Fix a Leak Week 2016 is March 14–20, 2016, but remember that you can find and fix leaks all year round and enjoy the benefits of saving water and reducing utility costs. Find videos, fact sheets, and how-to tips about fixing leaks and using water efficiently inside and outside your home at [www.tucsonaz.gov/water/fix-leak-week](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/water/fix-leak-week) :

- How to read your water meter and detect leaks
- Estimate water loss with a drip calculator
- Short videos on efficient landscape watering, irrigation system maintenance, fixing toilet leaks and more
- EPA WaterSense high efficiency product and appliance list
- Information about scheduling a free home water audit with Tucson Water's Zanjero Program



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Learn about Tim Thomure, P.E., the new Tucson Water Director.

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# WORKING WITH WATER



**“Let’s go – I’m ready,”** words of greeting – and action – from **Tim Thomure, Tucson Water’s new Director.** Two weeks before his start date at Tucson Water, Tim shared information about his experience, guiding principles, family and more.

**Why the interest in water?** “I believe that water is critical to life and to civilization. Water in nature – lakes, streams, oceans – always fascinated me. It touches my soul. Probably why I like being out in the field. Early in my career, my best days were in hip waders in a mountain stream taking water samples.”

**Talk about your past experience at Tucson Water and in private industry.** “I have worked for HDR, Inc. since 2007 in water resource management, infrastructure design and water reuse and sustainability. I was with the City of Tucson from 1999 to 2007, starting as an environmental inspector in the Stormwater Section of Tucson Department of Transportation and becoming a water program supervisor. I was the Program Manager for Tucson Water’s Clearwater Renewable Resource Facility where my role was to stitch together all the infrastructure construction projects so the Utility could use its full allocation of CAP water.”

**Why this job, at this time?** “It’s a fantastic utility in my adopted home. My experience in the public and private sectors gives me perspective and makes me well equipped to lead Tucson Water.”

**The question you are most often asked?** “When will Tucson run out of water?” Answer: we won’t run out of water as long as we continue to plan and invest in water reliability. It’s what we’ve always done. We are a desert community and drought is ‘normal’ for us. We aren’t directly reliant on weather for water and we have an amazing commitment to conservation. Tucson Water has over 100 years of success managing our resources.”

**Personal stuff:** “I came to Tucson in 1999 and met my wife Christina, a Tucson native, while we were both working at the Stormwater Quality Division of the City of Tucson Department of Transportation. We have three adult kids and three grand kids, all here in Tucson.”

**Education and certifications:** “I have a Master’s in Engineering degree in Water Resources from the University of Arizona and a bachelor’s degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I am certified as a Professional Engineer and recently obtained my certification as an Envision Sustainability Professional.”

**The First 6 Months –** “I will listen a lot and relearn Tucson Water. I want to make sure that I collect data and understand what is working and what needs focus. Three overarching fundamentals during this time are:

- 1) Engagement.** I want to make strong connections throughout Tucson Water and to the people who make it run.
- 2) Collaboration.** It’s essential to be a good partner with other directors, the City Manager’s office, elected officials and community members – business, developers, neighborhoods, environmentalists.
- 3) Innovation.** Making sure that Tucson Water is at the forefront of technology, efficiency and best practices. We need to seek out partners and learn from them.”

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## Water Reliability

## EFFICIENCY HIGHLIGHTS



**What Tucson Water is Doing**

Installing a new well at 12th Avenue and Oklahoma Street – before the old one failed.

**What You Can Do**



Clean or replace malfunctioning irrigation emitters or sprinkler heads for efficient water use outdoor.

## TUCSON WATER TODAY

