

CITY OF TUCSON ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

'Tis the Season to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

Americans generate one million extra tons of trash *each week* between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. Here are some tips to reduce, reuse and recycle this holiday season:

– Reduce –

- Shop local to reduce packaging, shipping and your carbon footprint.
- Opt for reusable shopping bags.
- Email holiday cards.

– Reuse –

- Use non-disposable plates, napkins and utensils for holiday celebrations.
- Wrap gifts in jars, tins or baskets you already have.
- Donate items to local thrift stores.

– Recycle –

- Wrapping paper, cardboard boxes, paper bags and greeting cards. (Cannot recycle items with glitter or a metallic finish.)

- Hard plastic items, including toys, packaging, food containers and beverage bottles, etc.
- Your tree from December 26, 2016 - January 15, 2017. Info at tucsonaz.gov/treecycle.

Go to www.tucsonaz.gov/DoMoreBlue for a list of recyclables and tips. Check out the Holiday Collection Schedule and TreeCycle insert in this utility services statement.

PIMA COUNTY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION

12th Annual Grease Collection and Recycling Event

Saturday, January 7, 2017, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Pouring grease down your drain can clog sewer lines. Save your used cooking oil or grease and bring it to one of these grease collection sites:

East	O’Rielly Chevrolet	6160 E. Broadway Boulevard
Midtown	City Council Ward 3 Office	1510 E. Grant Road
Northwest	Pima Vocational High School	5025 W. Ina Road
South	Kino Sports Complex	2500 E. Ajo Way
Sahuarita	Sahuarita Town Hall Complex	375 W. Sahuarita Center Way

The collected grease will be recycled into biodiesel, a cleaner burning fuel. For more information visit: www.pima.gov/grease Like us on Facebook!



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
Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) (520) 724-6500 or visit www.pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation

ARE YOU WATER SMART?

Which of the following are true about the Utility's reclaimed water system?

- a. Is a 30+-year-old separate system
- b. Delivers treated wastewater for irrigation
- c. Serves more than 1,000 sites
- d. Is a local, renewable irrigation water resource

All are true.
Answer:

WATER Etc.

Customer Question

What are some ways that I can restore the environment in my neighborhood?

Here are three ways to nurture our environment and promote sustainability:

- 1) Volunteer for the 10th Annual Beat Back Buffelgrass Day on January 21, 2017, by signing up at www.pagregion.com/buffelgrass or calling 837-6832. Invading buffelgrass displaces native plants, monopolizes water and soil nutrients, and poses a fire hazard in dry months.
- 2) Plant trees to increase shade and reduce electric bills and more. Visit www.treesfortucson.org or call 791-3109 for more info.
- 3) Work with neighbors to clean up the environment – washes and other sites – through Adopt-a-Park & Public Areas. Visit www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/adopting-a-site or call 837-6834.



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Ward 6 Council Member Steve Kozachik explains the long-term benefits of the City's voluntary reduction of our 2017 CAP allocation.

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WORKING WITH WATER



Protecting Lake Mead

by Steve Kozachik, Ward 6 Council Member

Each year, the City has an entitlement to purchase up to 144,000 acre-feet of Colorado River water from the Central Arizona Project (CAP). We use most of it to provide for community needs, and we store the rest for when we don't have enough rainy days. The City has been an excellent water steward.

On November 9, the Mayor and Council were asked to reduce our CAP purchase by 26,500 acre-feet for 2017, and we unanimously supported that request. By leaving water in Lake Mead, we help delay the declaration of a shortage. When a shortage is declared, allocations to users are reduced. Under the current "law of the River," Arizona's allocation would initially be reduced by more than 11%.

We're considering an additional voluntary reduction as a part of the multi-state strategy that's being negotiated to protect the Lake in the long term and, by extension, to protect in the long term, our CAP allocations coming off the Colorado River. That negotiated strategy is called the Drought Contingency

Plan (DCP). Without a DCP, the basin stands a 50% chance of experiencing a Tier 2 shortage within the next decade. With that level of shortage, Arizona users suffer even greater cutbacks than our initial 11%. With the DCP, that vulnerability drops fivefold, to just 10%.



Leaving some of our water in Lake Mead is a preventive measure that benefits many millions of water users over the long term.

The DCP also benefits electric ratepayers. Hoover Dam is a power generator for the region. As water levels fall, the Dam's power generating efficiency also declines. That means price increases to users.

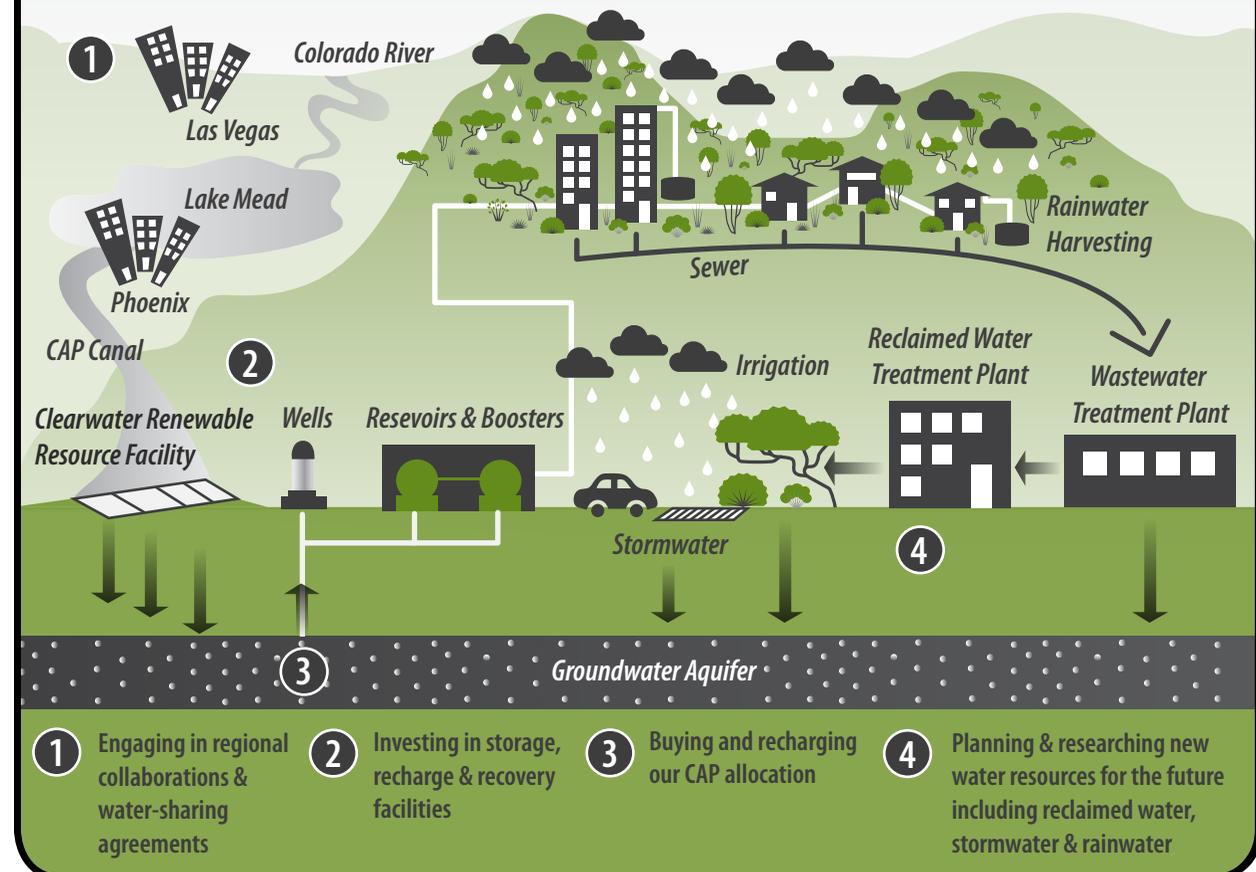
Through the DCP, we'll also get California to participate. Right now, California is exempt from any reductions until the Lake gets so low that the feds step in and take control. Once the DCP is finalized, California becomes a player.

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In the best of times, the City of Tucson would continue to take our full CAP allotment. In the best of times, we wouldn't need to negotiate a drought plan. But we're in the midst of a 14-year drought, so taking this step, along with

continued work with our regional partners, is both necessary and responsible. To do otherwise would be irresponsible long-term water security management.

FOUR WAYS Tucson Water is Ensuring Sustainability



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