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• Winterize evaporative coolers and irrigation systems.

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Water Winter Prep Info

tucsonaz.gov/water/winter-prep

Freeze prevention videos in English and Spanish, tips on thawing plumbing safely, plus links to current weather conditions and forecasts.

(See Working with Water, pg. 4–7)
Clearwell Reservoir is Tucson Water’s biggest reservoir, holding 60 million gallons of water.

Wow: 19.5 billion gallons of water a year go through Clearwell Reservoir to the distribution system and 700,000+ customers.

The covered Reservoir is built into a canyon with an irregular shape. The highest point inside is 50 feet.

It’s divided into two large cells. Cell 1 rehab is complete. Now we’re working on Cell 2.

Smart scheduling: We rehab one cell at a time and do project work from October to May, when water demands are the lowest and customers aren’t impacted.

From City of Tucson employees to Tucson Water professionals, trades people and contractors, as many as 170 people are working on Cell 2 – the same key members worked on the rehab of Cell 1.

Clearwell is 27 years old. Over time, even with repairs, any reservoir liner and structures age and deteriorate. Rehabilitating adds another 20 to 30 years of life to Clearwell.

Rehab of Cell 2 includes replacing the reservoir roof, updating supporting structures, adding a synthetic rubber liner, cleaning up, disinfecting, filling with water and conducting water quality and leakage tests. We also have crews doing preventive maintenance on valves, meters and electrical.

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- Cell 1 done
- Cell 2 under rehab
- 170 workers
- @$14.2M in capital cost
- May 2018 target completion
- Work when water use low
- Update reservoir roof
- Reinforce stability
- Add synthetic rubber liner
- Improve & maintain valves
- Check electrical systems
- Update security systems
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Environmental Services (ES) (520) 791-3171 or visit tucsonaz.gov/environmental-services

Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) (520) 724-6609 or visit pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation

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- See holiday collection dates

- Create collection day reminders
- Order a replacement container
- Report a problem
- Learn transfer station locations, hours, and fees
- Find out what you can and can’t recyclable in a Blue Bin

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**PIMA COUNTY WASTEWATER RECLAMATION**

13th Annual Grease Collection and Recycling Event

Saturday, January 6, 2018, 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:

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<tr>
<td>East</td>
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<td>City Council Ward 3 Office 1510 E. Grant Road</td>
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<td>Pima Community College (Northwest Campus) 7600 N. Shannon Rd.</td>
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The collected grease will be recycled into biodiesel, a cleaner burning fuel.

For more information visit: [www.pima.gov/grease](http://www.pima.gov/grease) Like us on Facebook! 📹