



A Guide to All Things Garbage

A comprehensive master guide to all
resources available in Pinal County for
garbage disposal, clean up and illegal
dumping enforcement

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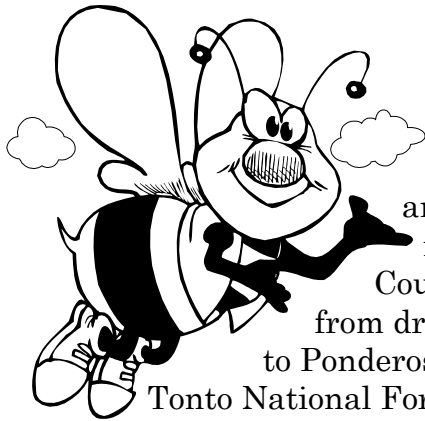
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Hello Pinal County

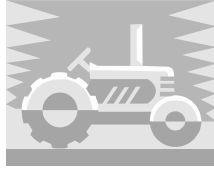


Welcome to Pinal County, Arizona. Welcome to a land of diverse and beautiful landscapes and a land filled with ancient history and future promise. Pinal County is located in south central Arizona between Phoenix, in Maricopa County, and Tucson, in Pima County. Its land types vary from dry deserts, through semi-desert grasslands and chaparral, to Ponderosa pine and spruce/fir forests. Portions of the Coronado and Tonto National Forests, the Ironwood National Monument and the Aravaipa Wilderness lie within the county. The rich riparian habitats of the San Pedro and Gila Rivers wind through its lands.

A diversity of cultures are reflected in Pinal County's communities. The ancient ruins at the Casa Grande National Monument and Snaketown reflect the old and rich agricultural heritage of our river valleys. The tremendous modern growth taking place around Johnson Ranch and Casa Grande are a glimpse into the future. Yet, Pinal County still has large areas of open land that are maintained as farms and cattle ranches. These areas are also popular with hunters, mountain bikers, bird watchers and RV enthusiasts who come to enjoy the wildlife and scenic natural resources available in this unique part of Arizona.

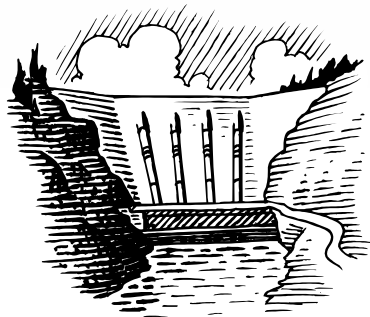
With growth comes garbage. Wildcat dumping, which is defined as any illegal dumping, is a blight on our communities and natural resources. It is dangerous to our wildlife and livestock who can die from eating discarded poisonous plant clippings or plastic bags. Old tires, paint, insecticides, antifreeze and appliances can pollute our soil, water and air. And besides, it's just plain ugly! This book is intended as a guide for established citizens of Pinal County, as well as newcomers and visitors, to assist you in discarding your trash in a responsible manner that will not jeopardize the resources of our area. It is also intended to aid communities and citizens in their efforts to prevent illegal dumping and to clean up areas of concern. Tribal lands within Pinal County have their own waste management programs; therefore, they are not included in this guide.

This guide was prepared by the Winkelman Natural Resource Conservation District Wildcat Dumping Task Force. Natural Resource Conservation Districts (NRCD's) are units of state government directed by locally elected boards of citizen volunteers. Arizona's NRCDs are mandated by law to "...provide for the restoration and conservation of lands and soil resources of the state, the preservation of water rights and the control and prevention of soil erosion, and thereby to conserve and restore this state's rivers and streams and associated riparian habitats, including fish and wildlife resources that are dependent on those habitats, and in such manner to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare of the people."



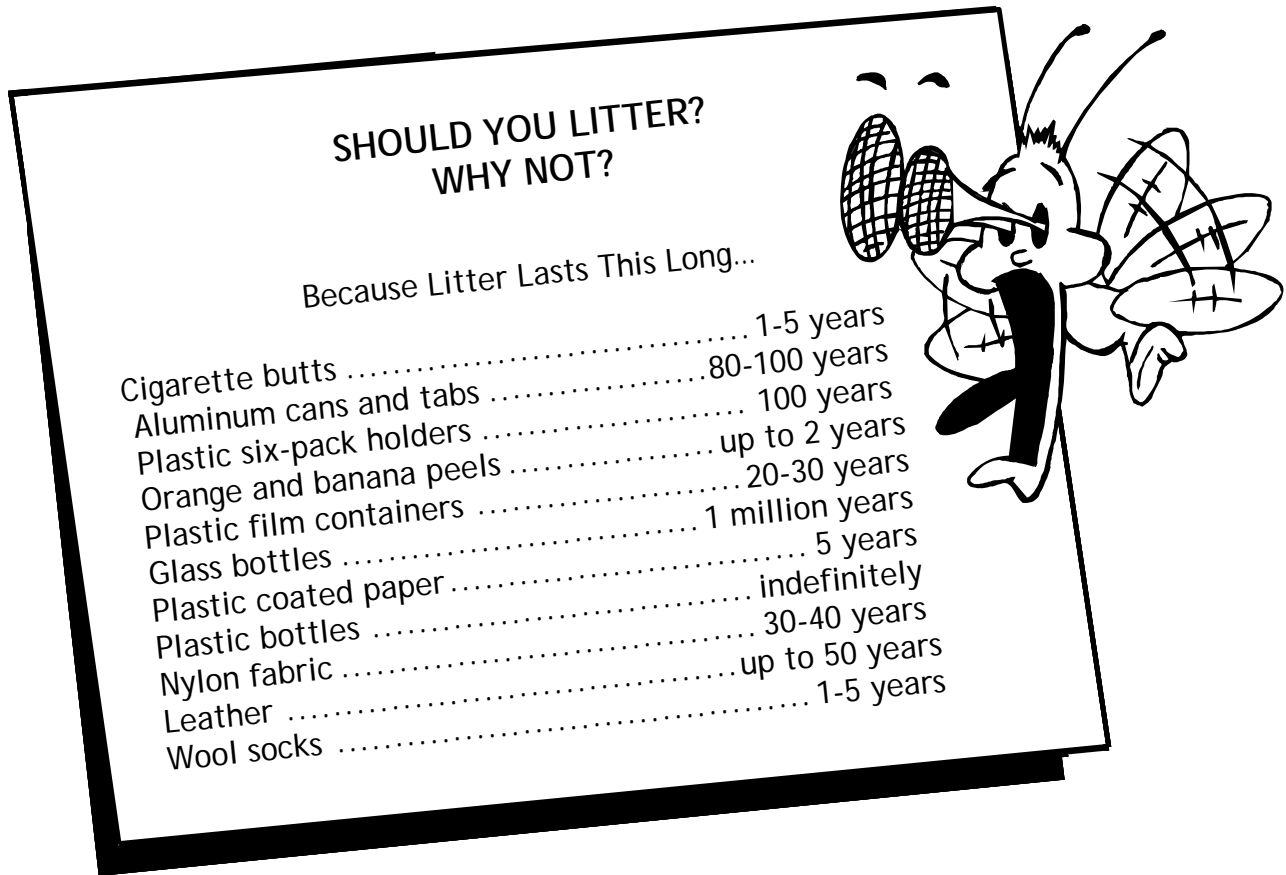
**Pinal County
is in the
heart of
Arizona in a
land that is
as varied
and beauti-
ful as any
place in the
country.**

**Please help
us keep it
beautiful by
putting litter
in its proper
place.**



Take Pride in Pinal County

Keep it Beautiful



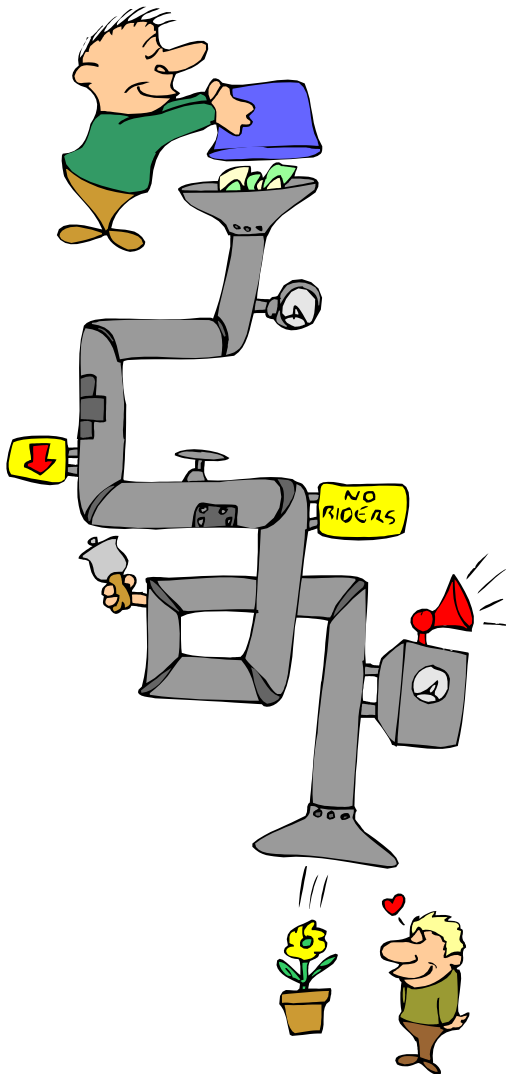
Littering has become a major problem in Arizona. We see it discussed almost every day in newspapers, magazines, on television and radio and in public meetings. People everywhere are beginning to say, “**Enough is enough!**” Voices on all sides are beginning to speak out against the ugly, illegal, polluting and expensive habits of littering and dumping. Won’t you join us in helping stamp out what is quickly becoming a major blight on our beautiful state?

Littering affects us all. Not only does it blight our roadways and public areas, but it also harms our environment, pollutes our water and offends the senses of established residents and visitors new to our communities and towns. Many come to Arizona because of the outstanding scenery. The last things they want to see are littered roadsides.

Littering comes in many forms. It may be as simple as discarding a paper wrapper or a dirty diaper out the window of the car. It can also be as large as truckloads of waste being dumped on private or public land. In all cases, littering, big and small, is illegal and subject to prosecution and fines.

Illegal dumping and littering can be hazardous to wildlife, livestock and human beings. Something as simple as oleander leaves dumped onto rangeland can kill valuable livestock or harmless wildlife that feed on the refuse. In a more sinister manner, illegally dumped medical wastes can cause serious diseases to those who may come in contact with the material. Piles of dumped garbage can harbor disease-carrying rodents and other vermin which can create harmful conditions for you and me.

Yes, littering and dumping affects us all. Can we really afford the potential for disease, property loss, environmental damage and lost tourist income that comes from these illegal activities? Please join us in helping stamp out illegal disposal of junk and trash.



*We can be the
problem,
or we can be
the solution.*

Dumping in Subsidence Cracks

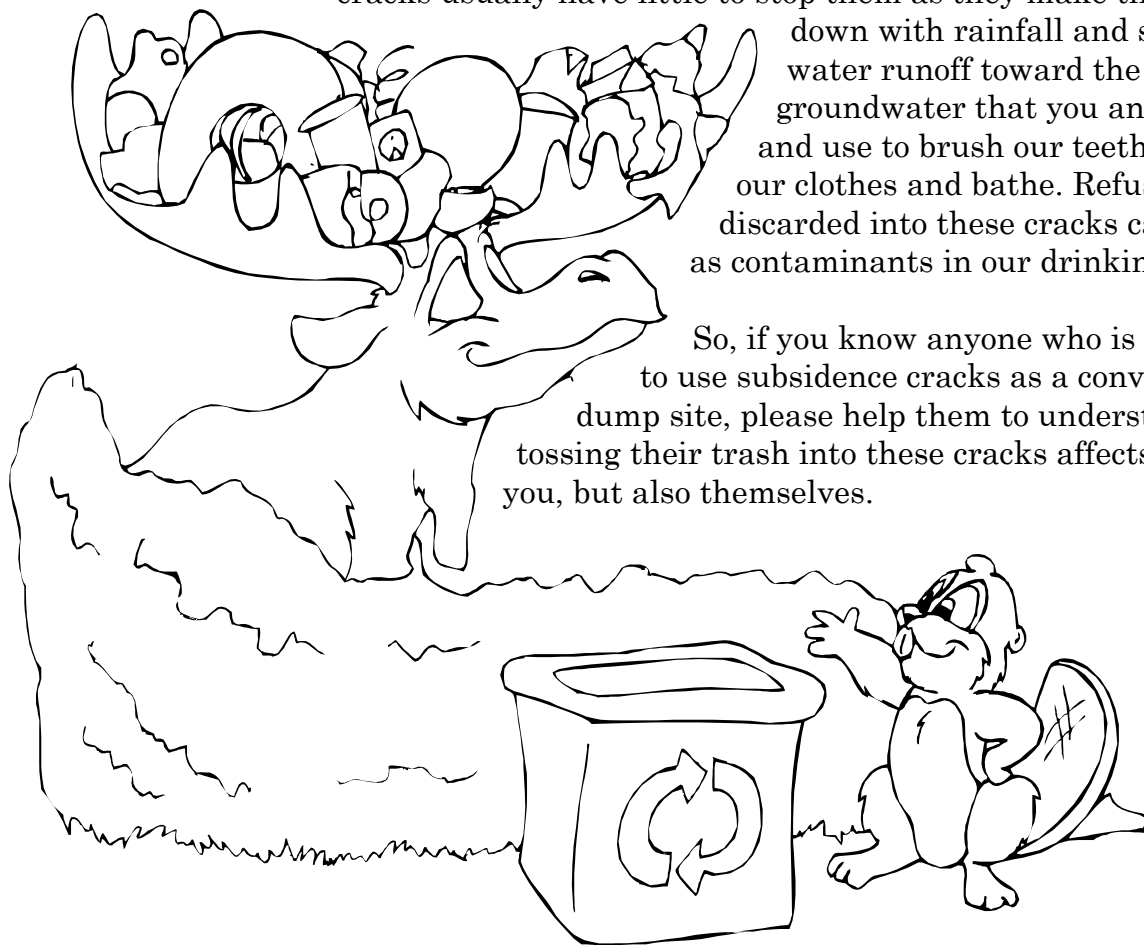
Out of Sight, But Certainly Not Out of Mind

All over Pinal County, in places where you'd least expect, people illegally dump yard wastes, household garbage, furniture, home appliances and other trash into deep cracks in the earth. In doing so, they risk polluting the very water that you and I drink.

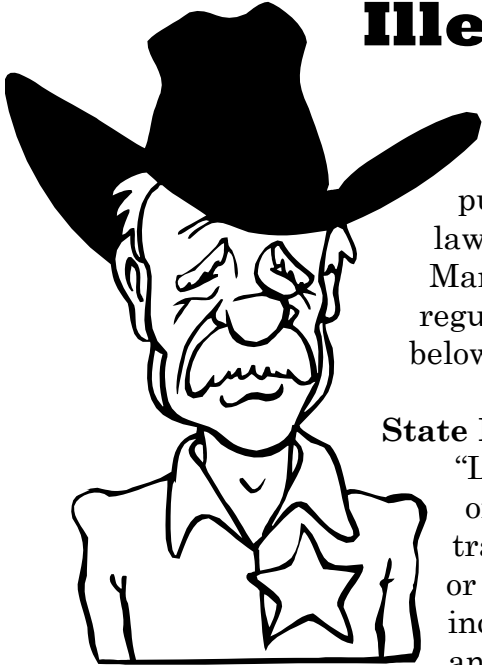
Subsidence cracks, as they are called, form when the soil level sinks as groundwater is removed to meet the needs of agriculture and the ever increasing numbers of people living in Pinal County. The cracks can cause serious damage to homes and roads built on top of them. They can also be a problem when people illegally dump trash into the open holes hoping to hide their actions by putting their trash, they think, "out of sight and out of mind." Unfortunately, the cracks can be open conduits for contaminants to reach the water table beneath the ground.

Household chemicals, engine oil, battery acid and pesticides thrown into these cracks usually have little to stop them as they make their way down with rainfall and storm water runoff toward the groundwater that you and I drink and use to brush our teeth, wash our clothes and bathe. Refuse discarded into these cracks can end up as contaminants in our drinking cups.

So, if you know anyone who is tempted to use subsidence cracks as a convenient dump site, please help them to understand that tossing their trash into these cracks affects not only you, but also themselves.



Laws Applying to Illegal Dumping



Illegal dumping is defined as “an act when one throws, places, drops or permits to be dropped on public property or property of another which is not a lawful dump, any litter, destructive or injurious material.” Many federal, state, county and local laws and ordinances regulate illegal dumping. Some important ones are listed below.

State Laws: ARS 13-1601, ARS 13-1602, ARS 13-1603

“Litter” includes any rubbish, refuse, waste material, offal, paper, glass, cans, bottles, organic or inorganic trash, debris, filthy or odoriferous objects, dead animals, or any foreign substance of whatever kind or description, including junked or abandoned vehicles, whether or not any of these items are of value.

Criminal littering or polluting classification

A person commits criminal littering or polluting if such person without lawful authority does any of the following:

- *Throws, places, drops or permits to be dropped on public property, or property of another that is not a lawful dump, any litter, destructive material that he does not immediately remove.*
- *Discharges or permits to be discharged any sewage, oil products or other harmful substances into any waters or onto any shorelines within the state.*
- *Dumps any earth, soil, stones, ores or mineral on any land.*

Penalties for above laws: A class 1 misdemeanor is punishable by a jail sentence of up to six months in the county jail. A fine may be imposed of up to \$2,500. A Class 6 felony is punishable by prison time of up to two years to the Department of Corrections. A fine may be imposed of up to \$150,000.

Other Federal and County Laws: Many other State laws, as well as Federal and County laws, restrict to illegal dumping.

Local Ordinances: Most cities and towns have their own local ordinances regarding trash. Be sure to check with your **town, city and/or county officials** for these regulations.

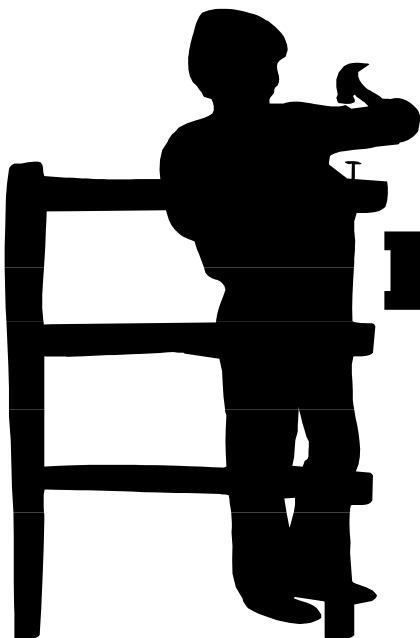


Environmental Law/Civil Litigation Process: Pinal County has begun to vigorously enforce illegal dumping laws through a new process that is briefly described below:

A violation of environmental laws will lead to a notice of violation letter being sent to the violator. Pinal County will work with the violator to reach a resolution of the violation. If compliance is not accomplished, Pinal County will work with the violator to enter into a consent order. A consent order includes terms, agreed to by both parties, of when and how the violation will be resolved. A compliance/abatement order may take place when the violator does not agree to enter into a consent order. A compliance/abatement order becomes a fully enforceable order in Superior Court if the violator does not appeal the order within 30 days of its issuance. Pinal County will file a complaint in Superior Court to enforce the compliance/abatement order if the violator fails to comply with the order.

**REMEMBER:
Construction
materials,
domestic
animals, and
landscape
materials are
also LITTER!!**

Any amount of commercial dumping and 300 pounds or more of private dumping constitutes a felony offense.



**Don't Trash It
*It's All We've Got***



How to Report Illegal Dumping

IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ILLEGAL DUMPING IS REPORTED.
CITIZEN REPORTS ARE THE BEST SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR LAW
ENFORCEMENT!!

If you happen to observe someone dumping garbage illegally, **do not** confront the dumper. Try to write down their license plate number and a description of their vehicle. Try to remember or record any other details of what you saw. Take pictures if you have a camera. Record the date and time.

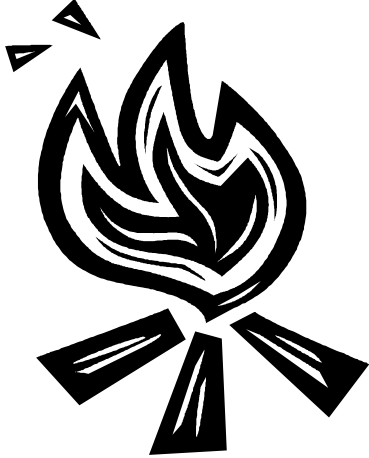
If you happen to know the land ownership where the dump is located or are able to take GPS coordinates of the location, be sure to document that information and include it in your call.

If you find an illegal dump site, remember that it could have identifying evidence in it, so **do not** disturb or collect anything out of the garbage. You might destroy evidence that could lead to identifying the dumper. **Evidence must be collected by appropriate authorities.**

Call the Pinal County
Sheriff's Office at
1-800-352-3796 and
Pinal County
Environmental
Investigation at
(520) 866-6400
Or
1-800-208-6897 x 6400



Burning Regulations



Pinal County residents are permitted to set fires to dispose of non-toxic or horticultural waste (leaves, tree trimmings, weeds, etc.) during specified times of the year. However, a burn permit is required.

Restrictions apply depending on time of day, weather conditions, air quality and materials to be burned. Fees are set according to type and quantity of materials to be burned. Open burning permits are available by mail or by visiting the following Pinal County offices:

820 E. Cottonwood Lane, Bldg. A
Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Casa Grande
(520) 866-7426

31 N. Pinal St.
Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Florence
(520) 866-6929

118 Catalina St. (Mammoth Courthouse)
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Mammoth
(520) 866-7830

1470 N. Justice Drive
Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Oracle
(520) 866-7819

Please contact your local Fire District or Fire Department to determine if there are any burn restrictions in your area. If you do not have a local fire agency, please call the State Forester at 1-800-309-7081.

What to Do With Garbage

Countywide Landfills

Rates will vary and are subject to change.

www.pinalcountyyaz.gov/Departments/PublicWorks/MaterialRecoveryCenter

Apache Junction Landfill

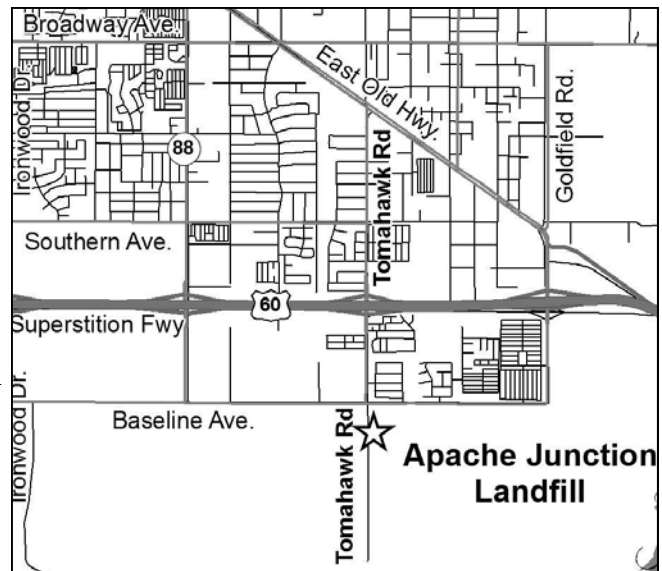
4050 S. Tomahawk Road

Apache Jct., AZ 85242

(480) 982-7003

Open: Monday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Does not accept: Batteries or tires of any kind, fuel tanks, gas tanks or cans, hazardous, industrial or medical waste, chemical by-products, pressurized containers, used oil, unused pesticides and herbicides, untreated sewage, shock-sensitive or radioactive wastes, liquids. Refrigerators, freezers and air conditioning units are not accepted unless accompanied with a certificate verifying that the refrigerant and compressor have been removed by a certified technician.



Cactus Waste Landfill

22481 E. Deep Well Ranch Road

(8.5 miles west of the intersection of Hwy. 79 and Deep Wells Ranch Road)

Florence, AZ 85232

(480) 797-0140

Open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Saturdays and Sundays.

Does not accept: tires, refrigerants (i.e. refrigerators, freezers), liquids or medical wastes. Does not accept vouchers at this time.



Countywide Landfills

Casa Grande Landfill

5200 S. Chui Chu Road
Casa Grande, AZ 85222
(520) 421-8628

Open: Monday through Saturday 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Citizens living within the Casa Grande city limits can use this landfill free of charge to dump uncontained trash or large miscellaneous items. Please take a driver's license or utility bill that shows your current city address. The landfill **does not accept** tires or hazardous material and our trucks do not pick up these items either. Call (520) 868-6683 for tire disposal information.



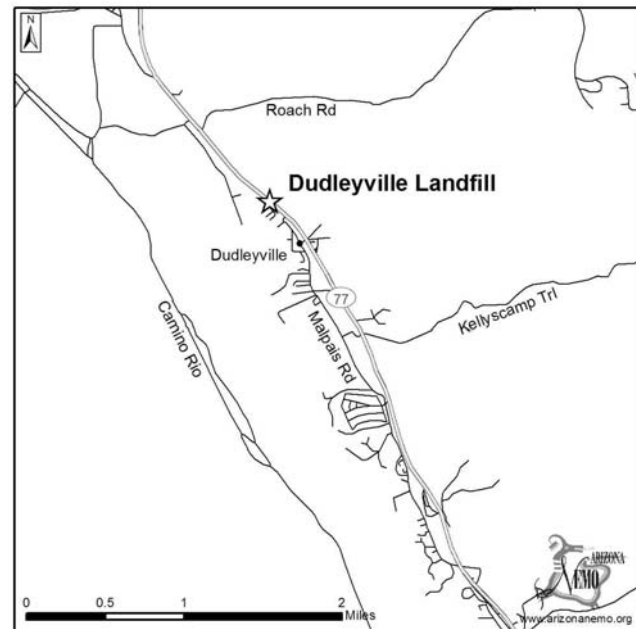
Dudleyville Landfill

8195 N. Highway 77
(South of Winkelman)
Winkelman, AZ 85292
(520) 356-6181

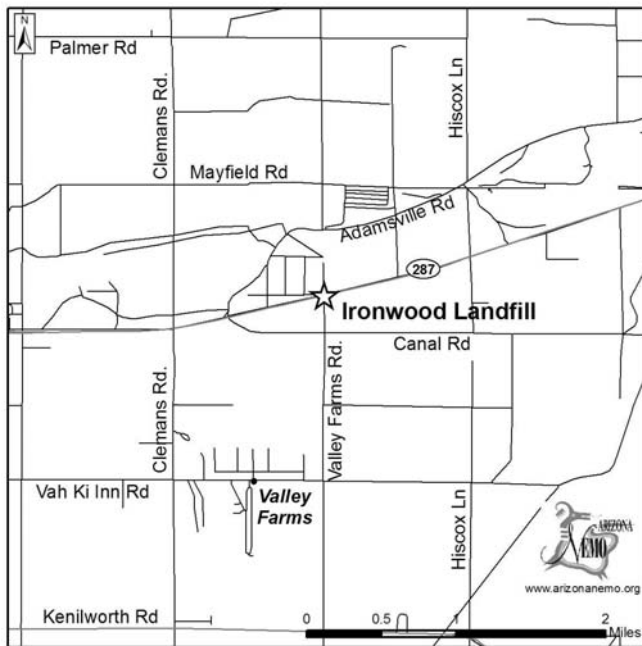
Open: Monday through Friday— 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the 1st Saturday of the month 8 a.m. to noon .

Accepts: Municipal solid waste, construction debris, green waste. **Does not accept:** Asbestos, anti-freeze, oils, batteries, paint or any hazardous waste or white goods (refrigerators, microwaves, etc.), computers or waste tires. Does accept County Vouchers from resident cars/pickup trucks, not from commercial accounts or

landscapers. Status based upon the number of times a customer comes in during the month, signs on vehicles, etc. Residents from Hayden, Winkelman, Mammoth, Oracle, San Manuel and Kearny will be included as local residents.



Countywide Landfills



Ironwood Landfill

(Also Known as Adamsville Landfill)

12720 E. Hwy. 287

Florence, AZ 85232

Phone: (520) 868-8778

Fax: (520) 868-8908

Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Closed Saturdays, Sundays and New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

Residents from Hayden, Winkelman, Mammoth, Oracle, San Manuel and Kearny will be included as local residents.

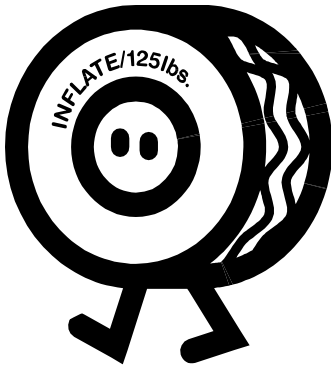
They have a free dump day. They do not accept county vouchers. **Accepts:**

Municipal solid waste, household waste, construction debris, and green waste. **Does not accept:** Solid industrial and commercial process waste, white goods/large appliances, asbestos, antifreeze, oils, batteries, paint or any hazardous waste or white goods (refrigerators, microwaves, etc.), computers or waste tires.

Dumping?
Not in my
backyard,
not in your
backyard!

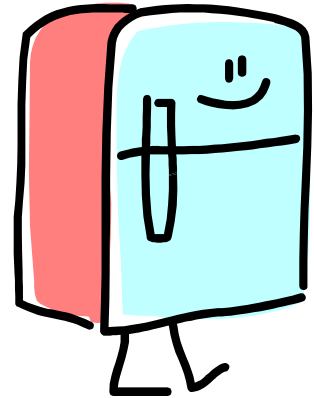


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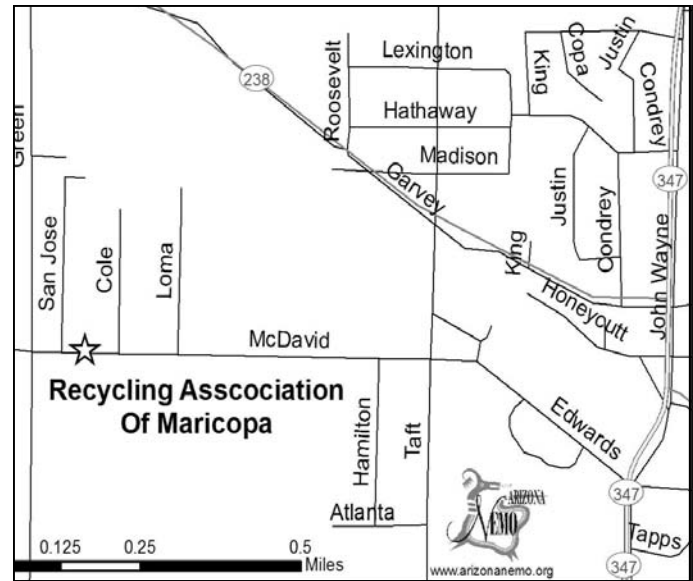
White Goods and Waste Tire Sites

None of these items can be placed at the regular recycling sites or at many landfills except for the Transfer Stations run by:



Recycling Association of Maricopa
46250 W. Mc David Road, Maricopa, AZ
85239 .

They accept washers, dryers, stoves, refrigerators and freezers (evacuation not required), and coolers tires (rims accepted). There will be a charge to recycle appliances with refrigerant, tires, TV's and computer monitors. There are special free days, call (520) 568-9428 for these dates.

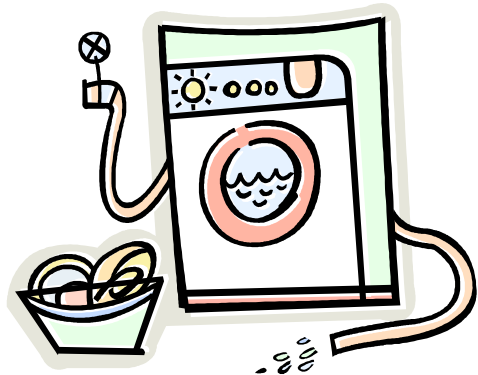


Or:

Pinal Co. Recycle/Waste Tire Center
12725 Adamsville Road, Florence, AZ.

See page 17 for details.

For large quantities of tires call 1-800-208-6897 .



Transfer Stations

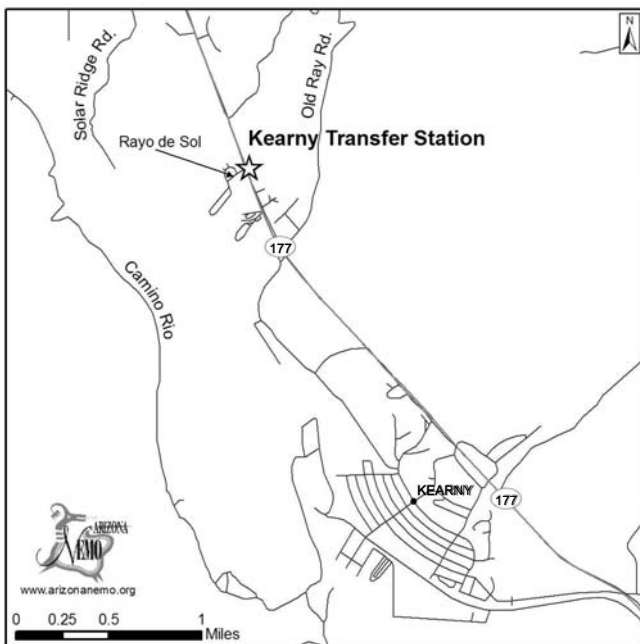
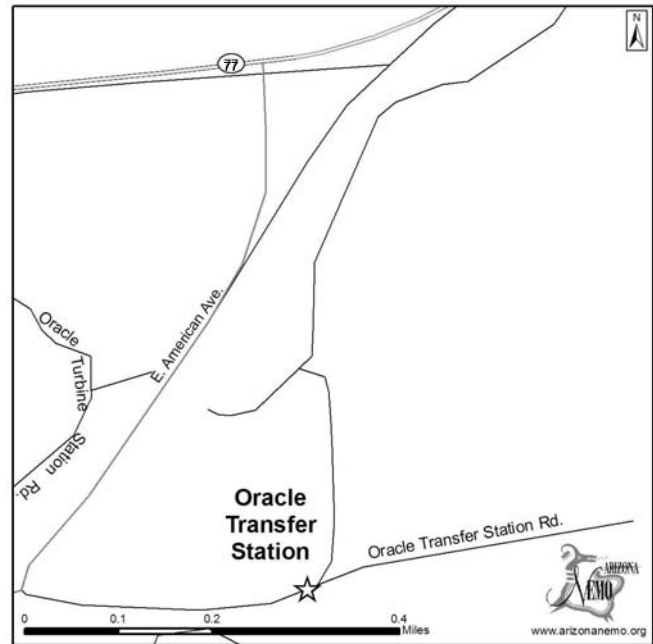
Oracle Transfer Station

2100 E. Oracle Transfer Road,
Oracle, AZ
(520) 896-9435 (phone and FAX)

Accepts: green waste, construction debris, and municipal waste. **Does not accept:** tires, white goods (refrigerators, freezers), air conditioners, batteries, liquid hazardous or special wastes including oil and paint.

This transfer station does not have recycling bins.

Does accept County Vouchers for private cars and pick up trucks. The vouchers are not applicable to any commercial customers. Status based upon the number of times a customer comes in during the month, signs on the vehicle, etc. Residents from Hayden, Winkelman, Mammoth, Oracle, San Manuel and Kearny will be included as local residents.



Kearny

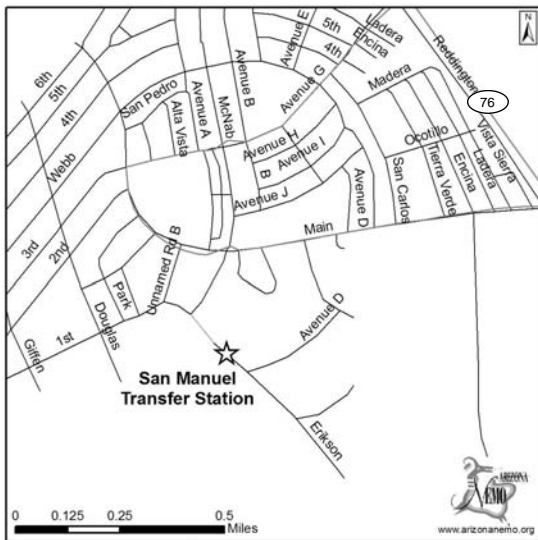
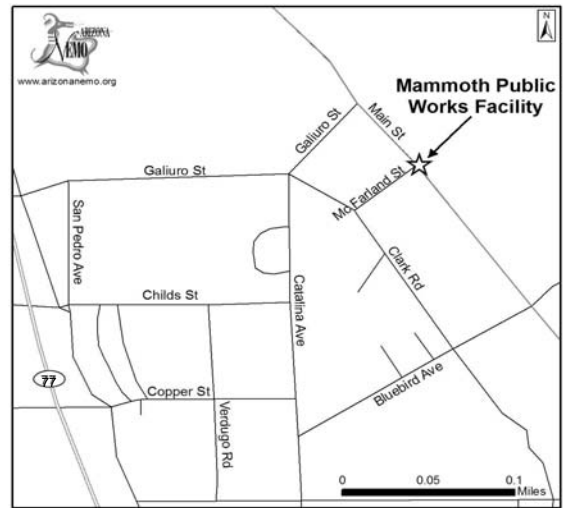
Kearny Transfer Station

1 ½ miles west of Kearny on Highway 177

Transfer Stations

Mammoth

Mammoth Public Works Facility,
corner of Main Street and McFarland Street.
Open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to
3:30p.m.



San Manuel

San Manuel Transfer Station

Erikson Road

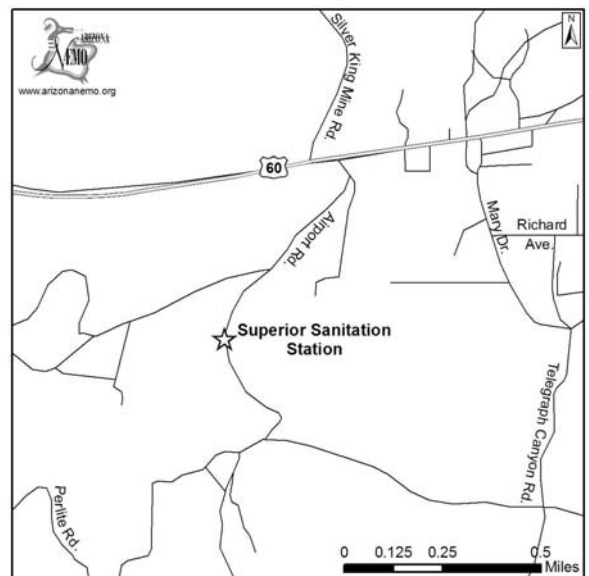
Open 2nd Thursday of each month 9 a.m. to 3p.m.

Superior

Superior Sanitation Station

Open Monday - Friday, 8a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon



Recycling

Recycling has become an integral part of waste management in most parts of the country. Recycling by definition is the reuse of materials, either pre-consumer or post-consumer, that would ordinarily be considered waste. Recycling helps lessen the amount of waste that goes into landfills, helps reduce the amount of toxic chemicals absorbed into the earth and, in some cases, significantly reduces manufacturing costs and energy consumption (<http://www.earth911.org>).

Recycling is an excellent way of effectively reusing valuable natural resources and other man-made materials. In some towns and cities, there are recycling programs that will actually retrieve these items on a specified day at your curbside.

Much of the refuse illegally disposed of on public and private lands could be effectively recycled through existing programs. The Recycling Program Grants Manual is available on the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Web site at www.azdeq.gov. If you need to start a program in your area, please consider supporting and working with the many excellent recycling programs in our area.

- Recycling one aluminum can saves the energy equivalent of one cup of gasoline.
- Recycling one aluminum can saves enough energy to light a 100-watt light bulb for 3.5 hours (210 minutes).
- Each person generates about five pounds of garbage per day.
- Each pound of aluminum makes 32 cans.



Earth 911 is Arizona's free 24 hour resource for geographically specific environmental and recycling information. Learn more about composting and other environmental topics such as your nearest recycling center and other useful source reduction information:



www.CLEANUP.org
1-800-CLEANUP



"Compost Guy"

Recycling

Recycling Locations



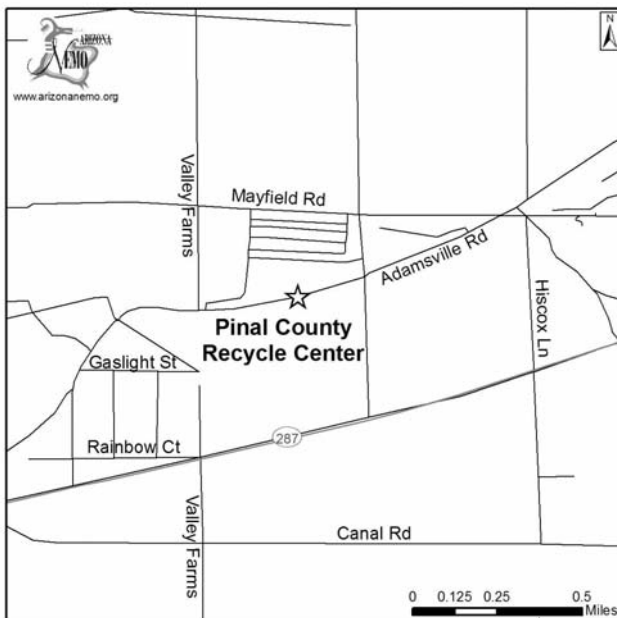
Pinal Co. Recycle/Waste Tire Center

12725 Adamsville Road

Florence, AZ 85232

(520) 866-6685

www.pinalcountyz.gov/Departments/PublicWorks/MaterialRecoveryCenter



Open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

24 hour drop-off for tires, white appliances, recycling materials, scrap metal. Old passenger tires (limit of five per year/per person) can be dropped off at no cost at the recycling center. Any additional tires are charged \$1.00 per tire. For large loads or large tires, call (520) 705-8824. Recyclables accepted: #1 and #2 plastic bottles and jugs rinsed out, no caps; newspapers and all inserts, magazines, catalogs, phone books; corrugated three ply cardboard, paperboard/chipboard (soda and beer cartons) broken down and flattened; and aluminum and tin cans washed or rinsed, no lids. This does not include plastic grocery bags, food trays, food containers, or prescription bottles or motor oil or automotive fluid bottles, plastic hangers, bubble wrap, plastic cups, food waste or packaging, shredded paper, blueprints, carbon paper, brown craft paper, sticky notes, construction debris, packing paper, strapping tape, or foam packaging.



Recycling

Recycling Association of Maricopa

46250 W. Mc David Road

Maricopa, AZ 85239

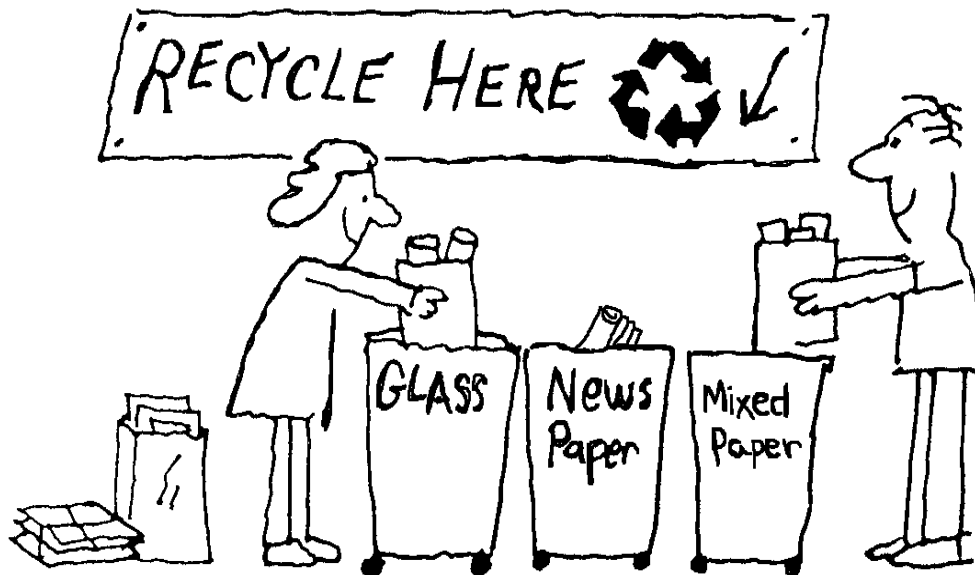
(520) 568-9428

www.RAMrecyclesIt.com

Open to the Public: Saturdays only,
October 1 through April 30th 9 a.m. to 2
p.m., May 1st through September 30th 8
a.m. to noon. Hours are subject to
change.

Accepts: bagged household trash,
furniture, yard waste, construction
debris, aluminum and steel cans,
newspaper, mixed office paper junk
mail, magazines, phone books,
cardboard, #1 and #2 plastic bottles,
plastic bags, glass bottles, scrap metal,
car and truck batteries, car and truck
tires, appliances, electronics. There
will be a recycling charge for appliances
with refrigerant, tires, TV's and computers.

Does not accept: burn barrel trash.



Recycling

Pinal County Public Works Recycling Drop-off Sites

The Pinal County Recycling Center strives to assist in keeping Arizona clean. Several of its towns and subdivisions have recycling bins at a number of sites. Recycling sites can consist of recycling trailers, large blue garbage barrels or square blue bins. The receptacles are open 24 hours a day and are emptied by Pinal County crews on a regular basis. Some of the bins are for public use. The locations of these are listed below. There are also several businesses that are doing their part in keeping Arizona clean. The sites at business locations are not for public use and are not listed here. Any business that would like to be a part of this effort may contact Pinal County Public Works at 1-800-208-6897 ext. 6682 for more details. The Recycling Drop-off Sites accept: corrugated and single ply cardboard (must be broken down); newspaper (all portions); magazines; catalogs; phone directories; office type paper, shredded paper and junk mail (must be tied in a plastic bag); #1 and #2 plastic bottles, i.e. water, juice, cola, milk, detergent, shampoo bottles (the recycle symbol on the bottom of most bottles has a number inside the triangle stating whether it is a 1, 2, or even up to 7) - no lids please, and rinse them out; cans, both aluminum and steel – please rinse them to remove any food scraps and liquids – no lids please. These sites do not accept waste tires or white goods or household trash (see page 13). **The following are recycling sites currently available; however, the sites may change according to need.**

Apache Junction

Central Arizona College, Superstition Campus, 273 Old West Highway
City of Apache Junction City Complex, 1001 N. Idaho Road
City Public Works Facility, 575 E. Baseline
County Complex, 575 N. Idaho Road
Fire Station 2 on Idaho Road
Fire Station 3, 3955 E. Superstition Blvd.

Arizona City

Pinal County Yard on Bataglia Road

Casa Grande

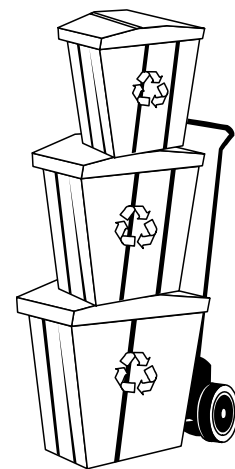
Fire Station, Signal Peak Road

Coolidge

Casa Grande Ruins National Monument, State Route 87
Coolidge City Hall, 130 W. Central Ave.
Coolidge Public Works, 411 S. 1st Street

Dudleyville

Old Dudleyville Fire Station, 3955 N. Dudleyville Road



Recycling

Florence

Main Street Park
Old Courthouse, 135 N. Pinal

Gold Canyon

Sheriff's Office Substation on King's Ranch Road

Kearny

Justice Court, 355 Alden Road

Mammoth

County Complex, 118 S. Catalina
Health Department, 511 Main St.

Oracle

County Complex, 1470 N. Justice Drive

San Manuel

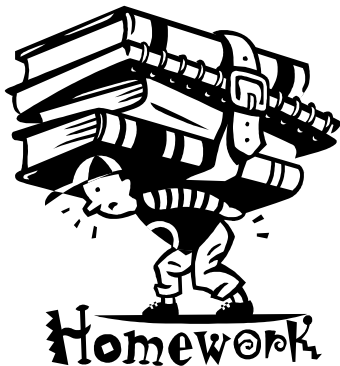
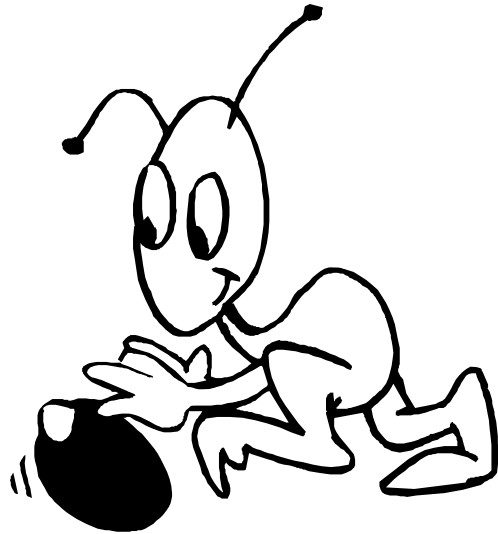
Sheriff's Substation, 190 Reddington Road

Superior

Boyce Thompson Arboretum, 37615 Highway 60

SaddleBrooke

SaddleBrooke, South of Oracle Jct. on U.S. Hwy. 77



Practice Challenge

A. A fourth-grade class decided to collect cans for The Great Aluminum Can Round-up. How many cans will they need to collect if they want to save the "equivalent" energy in 100 cups of gasoline?

B. If each student in your class recycles one aluminum can each day, how much "gasoline energy" would the class save in one week? In one year? How many gallons of gasoline would they have saved?

(<http://www.cancentral.com>)

Hazardous Wastes

As of February 1, 2007 Pinal County no longer operates Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites.

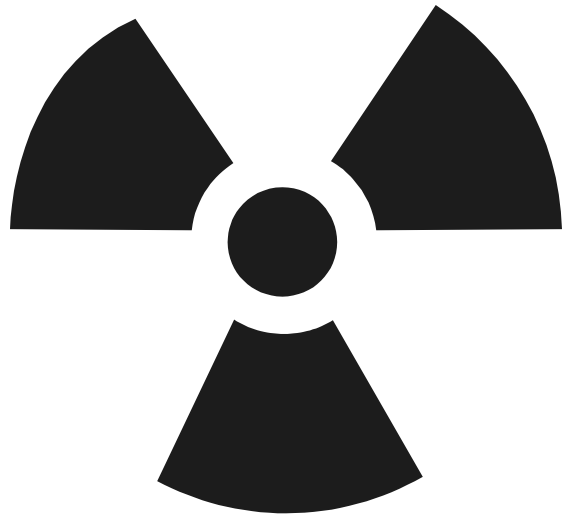
Please contact the Public Works Department for private disposal options.

For more information call them at 1-800-208-6897, ext. 6682 for the location in your area.

Old pesticides, strong acids, antifreeze and medical wastes, like old syringes, needles, and blood-soaked debris are all examples of hazardous wastes that should never be carelessly discarded. Rather, these types of wastes must be deposited in specially-designed safe areas at specific sites that have been designated for hazardous wastes. They should never be dumped into non-designated landfills or refuse transfer sites without permission. Likewise, they should never be passed off onto unsuspecting private land owners through unlawful dumping. To do so is not only illegal, but also dangerous to people, livestock and wildlife.

Landfills

Many landfills will accept small amounts of hazardous wastes, but it is absolutely essential that the landfill be contacted before the materials are discarded. This ensures that they are authorized to accept the wastes and to see if they have a special site in which to deposit the materials. See the list of landfills and their contact numbers listed on page 10 in this



Free Dump Opportunities



Pinal County Waste Disposal Voucher Program

Pinal County Board of Supervisors, District 1, Pinal County Public Works Department and Waste Management offers District 1 residents opportunities to dump free through the Voucher Program in eastern Pinal County *only*. The Voucher Program was initiated as an additional resource for county citizens and to alleviate long waits at the local landfills on Free Dump Days. Several rules apply:

- Three vouchers are issued to Pinal County residents for their primary residence only. You must provide a current utility bill with your name and service address imprinted to verify proof

of residency.

- You may obtain a voucher at Pinal County Board of Supervisors Office located at 118 Catalina, Mammoth, Ariz.
- They can be used during the cycle from February 2007—December 28, 2007.
- You may redeem the vouchers at the Dudleyville Landfill or the Oracle Transfer Station.
- Each voucher allows for disposal of one truck load (750 lbs) of residential debris at Oracle and three cu. yds. at Dudleyville for no charge.
- The Voucher Program replaces the free dump days. In other words, if you use your vouchers, you may not dump free on the free dump day for that cycle.

**Questions? Call: 1-800-208-6897, ext. 7830 or
(520) 487- 2941**

Cactus Waste Landfill Free Dump Days

Cactus Waste Florence Highway Landfill at Highway 79 and Deepwell Ranch Road allows free dumping on the second Saturday of each January, April, July and October from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (520) 866-6682.

**BE SMART!! Use the various recycling programs and
save your voucher for those items that can't be recycled!**

Composting

In a time when landfill space has become scarce and expensive, composting is an excellent way to recycle your organic household kitchen and yard wastes by converting them into a valuable resource for your home and garden. Composting (the natural decomposition of organic materials) results in a rich, earthy material that can be used in your potted plants or to enrich your garden soil. For more information on composting, including tips for effective composting in our arid lands, contact your local University of Arizona Pinal County Extension Agent, Rick Gibson at 820 E. Cottonwood Lane, Bldg. C, Casa Grande, AZ, 85222-2726, Phone: (520) 836-1750, Fax: (520) 836-1750 or at gibsonrd@ag.arizona.edu. Or just look up "composting" on the Web.

Compost Recipe - *Composting is nature's way of recycling!*

Ingredients:

Browns

Dry leaves

Twigs

Straw

Sawdust

Newspaper & junk mail

Greens

Grass clippings

Landscape trimmings

Vegetables

Fruit peels

Blend green material.

Blend brown material.

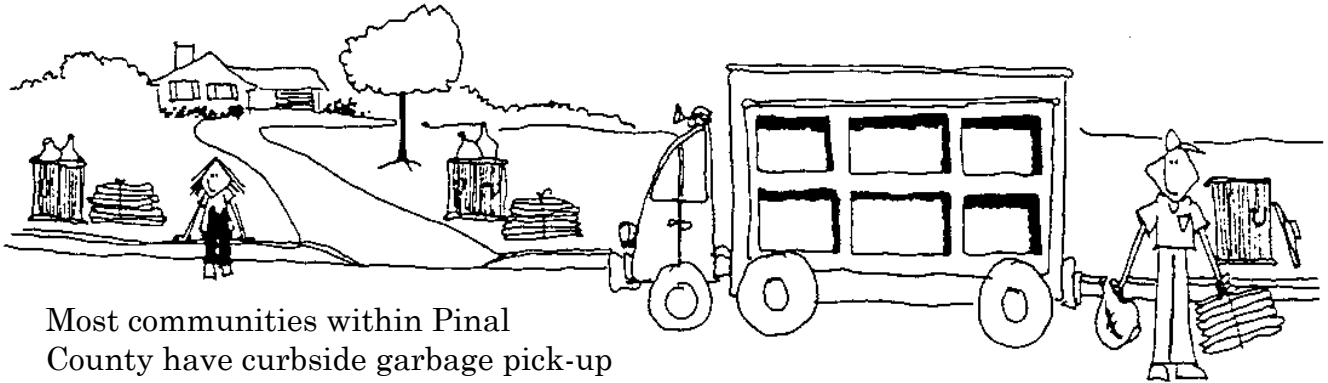
Layer greens and browns in a composting bin in the yard.

Do not let the pile get too dry - it should be as moist as a wrung-out sponge. Add water regularly in dry weather. The pile may need to be covered in wet weather.

Turn the pile weekly, but keep layering greens and browns, always keeping the greens covered with browns.



Curbside Pick-up Services



Most communities within Pinal County have curbside garbage pick-up available from one or more companies, even in many rural areas. In addition, many towns and cities provide curbside pick-up. Often, paying for curbside pick-up proves to be less costly and much more convenient than transporting your everyday household trash to the local landfill, especially given today's fuel costs. Many of the servers, their contact numbers and some of the areas they serve are listed below. The rates and schedules differ between companies and within specific areas. This list may be incomplete because service areas and companies change with time.

Apache Junction

Allied Waste Industries
(480) 627-2700

City of Casa Grande Solid
Waste Division
(520) 421-8628

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

Kim's Trash Service
(520) 836-7941

Arizona City

Arizona City Sanitation
(520) 466-6001
www.azcitysanitation.com

Arizona City Trash Service
(520) 466-6593

Casa Grande

Arizona City Sanitation
(520) 466-6001

B & D Disposal Services
(520) 836-8702



Curbside Pick-up Services

Coolidge

Arizona City Sanitation
(520) 466-6001

Kim's Trash Service
(520) 836-7941

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

Dudleyville

Copperstate Garbage
(928) 473-3086

Tri-City Sanitation
(928) 425-5853

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

Eloy

Allied Waste Industries
(480) 627-2700

Arizona City Sanitation
(520) 466-6001

B & D Disposal Services
(520) 836-8702

Florence

Allied Waste Industries
(480) 627-2700

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

Gold Canyon

Allied Waste Industries
(480) 627-2700

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

Kearny

Copperstate Garbage
(928) 473-3086

Tri-City Sanitation
(928) 425-5853

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

Maricopa

Allied Waste Industries
(480) 627-2700

B & J Trash
(520) 586-4760

Maricopa Disposal Services
(520) 568-4020

Waste Management
(480) 821-6631



Curbside Pick-up Services

Oracle

Saguaro Environmental
(520) 745-8820

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

Picacho

Arizona City Trash Service
(520) 466-6593

Queen Valley

Allied Waste Industries
(480) 627-2700

AZ Hauling
(602) 819-2085

Copperstate Garbage
(928) 473-3086

Red Rock

Arizona City Sanitation
(520) 466-6001

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

San Manuel

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

SaddleBrooke

Saguaro Environmental
(520) 745-8820

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600

Stanfield

Maricopa Disposal Service
(520) 568-4020

Silverbell

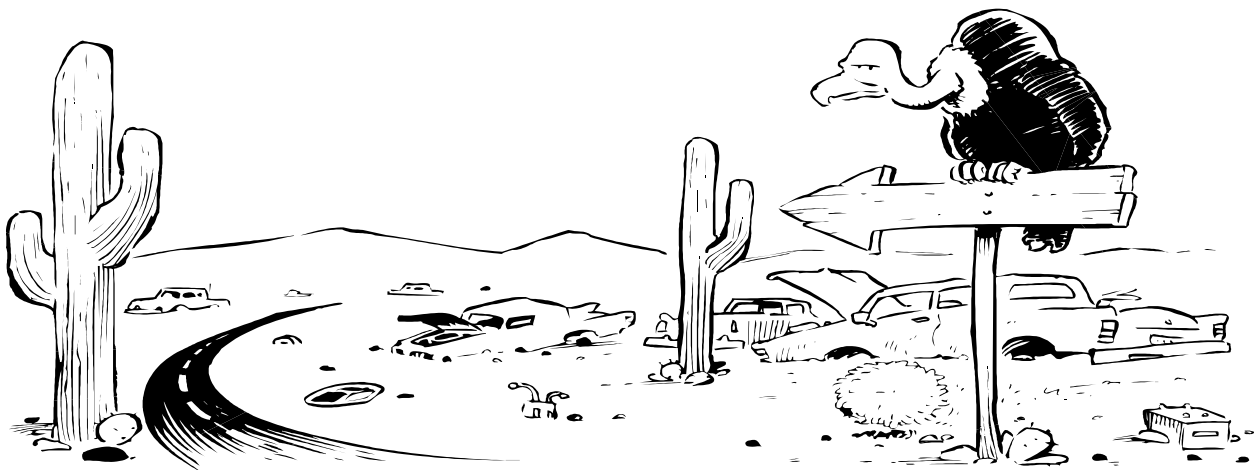
Arizona City Trash Service
(520) 466-6593

Superior

Copperstate Garbage
(928) 473-3086

Tri-City Sanitation
(928) 425-5853

Waste Management
(520) 744-2600



Cleanup Programs



Many communities sponsor local cleanups and often focus their resources on those days to help local volunteers pick up and dispose of waste materials. Watch for these local announcements and be willing to “pick up and pitch in.”

Community Cleanups: Many towns and cities schedule community cleanups during the year. Watch for notices of these in your local newspaper or call your local government for more information.

Pinal County Community Cleanup and Household Hazardous Waste/Waste Tire Events: Pinal County conducts scheduled events throughout the year to help local citizens get rid of many items that may be more difficult to dispose of. Events are scheduled in specific areas on specified dates. Check your local newspaper, the Pinal County Web site (www.co.pinal.az.us), or call (520) 866-6685 (recycling) or (520) 866-6682 (Hazardous Waste) for more information. Curbside pick-up will be done by appointment only.

The Pinal County Community Cleanup Events are scheduled from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on event days. Items accepted are refrigerators, yard debris, metal or white appliances, construction material and recyclables such as cardboard, plastic bottles, newspaper and metal cans. Items not accepted are household trash, burned trash and 55 gallon drums. Specific dates and places can be found on the Pinal County Public Works Web site at www.co.pinal.az.us.

Recycle

It begins with you and me!

Did you know?

- Tin cans take up to 50 years to decompose
- 80% of your household garbage is recyclable
- Plastic bags take up to 20 years to decompose
- Plastic bottles do not biodegrade at all



Cleanup Programs



Bureau of Land Management

Under current regulations for Bureau of Land Management administered lands, it is prohibited to dispose of trash and garbage, drain sewage or petroleum products, or dump refuse or waste, and dispose of any household, commercial or industrial refuse or waste (43CFR8365). BLM cleanup programs are aimed at activities on BLM lands. BLM programs include cleaning up existing dumpsites on public lands administered by BLM in order to help protect public safety and resources on the public lands. The public is encouraged to report illegal dumps to the local law enforcement agency (i.e. the County Sheriff), the BLM law enforcement agency, and the local Field Office. The BLM conducts investigations of illegal dumps to identify the responsible party and take law enforcement action. The BLM also conducts clean ups of dumps using BLM personnel, and sometimes organizes volunteer cleanups with interested groups and organizations. Hazardous waste poses a particular public health and safety hazard and may be encountered on BLM lands. Suspected hazardous waste dumping should also be reported to the local law enforcement, BLM law enforcement, and the local Field Office. BLM contracts for removal and disposal of the hazardous wastes found on BLM lands.

BLM Contact Information

BLM Law Enforcement Dispatch: (623) 580-5515
BLM Tucson Field Office: (520) 258-7200
BLM Phoenix Field Office: (623) 580-5500

USDA National Forest Service

The Tonto and Coronado National Forests can participate in clean-up and enforcement on National Forest lands. For more information or to report an illegal dump call:

Tonto National Forest at (928) 402-6200
Coronado National Forest at (520) 388-8305



Keep Your Camps Clean

Why should you keep camps clean?

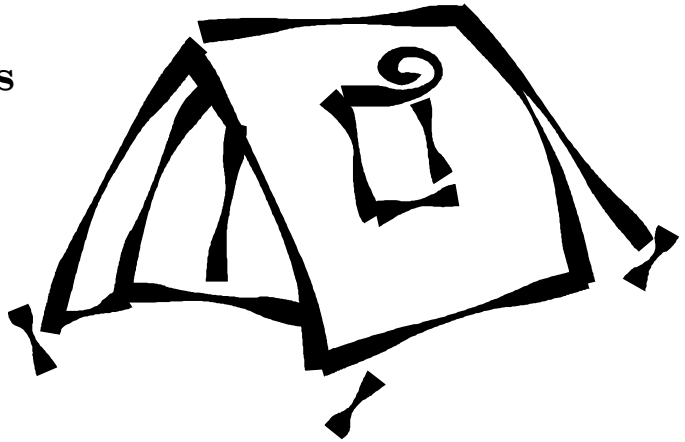
GOOD and BAD outdoor ethics are transferable traits; your kids are watching your behavior, and they will learn to treat the environment as you do.

Did you know that each year dozens of roads in Arizona are locked to the public due to illegal trash and littering problems?

Report Violators at:
(1-800-Vandals)
1-800-826-3257

Operation Game Thief
1-800-352-0700

Phone the County Sheriff at
1-800-352-3796



CAMPERS

Things to Remember:

- Pick up all camp litter, pack it in and pack it out, even if it does not belong to you.
- Dispose of human wastes properly, by burying it, or using approved portable waste systems.
- Drown all campfires before vacating a campsite.
- Do not just assume someone else will pick up the trash in your campsite. If you do not, do not be surprised when the road is locked the next time you want to take your family camping.

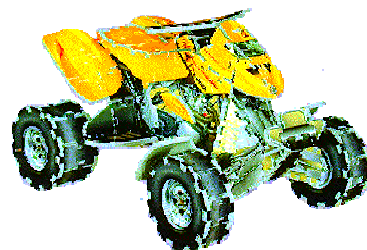


Keep Your Recreation Clean Too

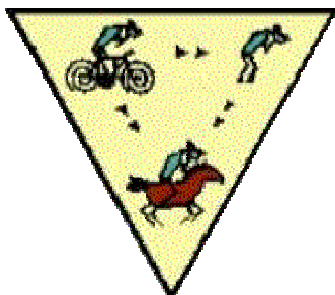


Recreational users may not realize how quickly litter and dumping can “multiply.” For example, a target shooter may leave “targets” for other shooters to use. Multiplying the “targets” left by other target shooters results in a pile of old appliances, car parts, vacuums, computers and other “targets”. (We really do understand why people would like shooting at computers- but take ‘em home when you’re through shooting!)

Paint Ball games can leave marks on rocks and trees. Although paint ball enthusiasts state that the paint balls are water soluble, they don’t realize that in many parts of Arizona, the rainfall is not adequate to erase the paint from the trees. The result is a forest of trees marked by unsightly (and unnatural) paint splatters. Please, if you use paint balls, don’t leave these unsightly (and often irremovable) paint marks on our natural resources.



Camping and picnicking are great activities for young and old alike—but please remember to take your trash with you when you leave the area. Be considerate: do you and your family want to camp in a trash-littered area that looks like a garbage heap?



Although vandalism is not considered “trash or litter”, this kind of damage – when property is defaced or destroyed—can attract dumping and costs the property owner monies to repair or replace the damage. If the damaged property is public property, it means YOU—the taxpayer—foot the bill. Please be careful about your activities and report any vandalism to the proper authorities.

Contact Information

Pinal County Government

Pinal County Sheriff's Office

P.O. Box 867
Florence, AZ 85232
1-800-352-3796

Pinal County Environmental Investigation

P.O. Box 727
Florence, AZ 85232
(520) 866-6411 or 1-800-208-6897 x 6400

Pinal County Board of Supervisors

31 N. Pinal St
Florence, AZ 85232
1-520-866-6000

Pinal County Department of Waste Management

Public Works
P.O. Box 727
Florence, AZ 85232
1-800-208-6897 ext. 6682



Contact Information

Natural Resources Conservation Service and Districts

Kristen Egen, District Conservationist

Tucson Field Office
3241 N. Romero Road
Tucson, AZ 85705-9223
(520) 292-2999

Winkelman NRCD

Chairman
P.O. Box 168
Mammoth, AZ 85618
Phone: (520) 292-2999
wnrcd@msn.com

Florence/Coolidge NRCD

Eloy NRCD

West Pinal NRCD

520 N. Camino Mercado, Suite 12
Casa Grande, AZ 85222
Phone: (520) 836-1960 ext. 3
Fax: (520) 836-1297

San Carlos Apache Tribe NRCD

Steve Titla
P.O. Box O
San Carlos, AZ 85550
(928) 425-8137

Coronado RC&D

Donna Matthews, Coordinator
656 N. Bisbee Ave.
Willcox, AZ 85643
Phone: (520) 384-2229 ext. 122
Fax: (520) 384-2735
Donna.matthews@az.usda.gov

Hohokam RC&D

Rebecca de la Torre, Coordinator
805 E. Warner Rd., Suite 104
Chandler, AZ 85225
Phone: (480) 988-1078 ext. 5
Fax: (480) 988-1474
Rebecca.delaTorre@az.usda.gov





State of Arizona

Arizona State Land Department

1616 W. Adams Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007
(602) 542-2119

Arizona Game and Fish Department

Matthew Walton
Tucson Field Office
555 N. Greasewood RC&D.
Tucson, AZ 85745
(520) 388-4468

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

Illegal Dumping Intervention Project

Terry Hubbard, State Coordinator
1808 W. Route 66 #117
Flagstaff, AZ 86001
(928) 606-6299 th2@azdeq.gov

US Department of the Interior—Bureau of Land Management

BLM Law Enforcement Dispatch

(623) 580-5515

BLM Tucson Field Office

((520) 258-7200

BLM Phoenix Field Office

(623) 580-5500

United States Forest Service

Tonto National Forest

Connie D. Lane, Recreation/Lands/Minerals
Globe Ranger District
Globe, AZ 85501
Phone: (928) 402-6200
Fax: (928) 402-6292
cdlane@fs.fed.us

Coronado National Forest

Marc Kaplan
300 W. Congress
Tucson, AZ 85701
Phone: (520) 388-8358
Fax: (520) 388-8305
mkaplan@fs.fed.us

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