New Bulk Trash and Holiday Collection Schedules

Save Water and Money Every Day

Household Cleaner Recipes that You Can Make Yourself!

First celebrated in 1970, it now includes events coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network in more than 193 countries. What will YOU be doing on April 22 to help your planet?
The city of Peoria will pick up household hazardous waste from your home. Have a list of your waste items ready before scheduling an appointment by phone at 623.773.7836 or online at www.peoriaaz.gov/hhw.

- Put all items in cardboard box clearly marked “HHW.”
- Place out by 6 a.m. in front of garage door or carport on your scheduled HHW day.
- Electronics and latex paint are NOT acceptable HHW items.

Contact the Solid Waste Division at 623.773.7431 to order an additional trash container or schedule a special haul, if needed.

### Placement Guidelines (How to Trash Like a Pro)

- Place containers out by 6 a.m. Your actual pickup time may change as there is not a scheduled time for each stop due to traffic, weather, road conditions, route changes and truckload capacity.
- Containers must be placed behind the residence setback (front of house) by the end of collection day.
- Bag and tie all trash, including yard clippings (grass, leaves, etc.) and pet waste.
- Place containers four feet apart with the rear wheels in the curb area. Make sure containers are not too close to vehicles or other obstacles. If you live on a major street (such as 83rd Avenue), place the containers on the property close to the street or sidewalk.
- Grocery bags, bread bags, case overwrap and produce bags can be dropped off at your local grocery store.
- Do not put paint or oil in the trash container. Schedule a Household Hazardous Waste pickup (See below).
- Do not overfill your containers. The lids should be closed when placed out for collection.

### Upcoming HHW Schedule

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**HOW TO RECYCLE**

**YES!**

- Flattened Cardboard
- Paper
- Plastic and Glass Bottles and Jugs
- Aluminum and Metal Cans

**HOW TO PREPARE YOUR RECYCLABLES**

**Keep all recyclables free of food and liquid.**

**Never put recyclables in containers or plastic bags.**

**It's easy. It's convenient. IT WORKS.**

**NO!**

- Plastic Bags
- Styrofoam
- Greasy Pizza Boxes
- Food
- Electronics & Batteries
- Soiled Paper
- Toys
- Clothes & Shoes
- Construction Waste
- Tools
- Medical Waste
- Scrap Metal
- Yard Waste
- Diapers

**Hazardous waste can cause injuries to solid waste employees and cause fires in our trucks. Please dispose of hazardous waste in a responsible manner.**

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**2020 Holiday Collection Schedule**

Trash and recycling collection may change due to a holiday. Refer to the schedule below for information on holidays that will affect your service. Please note that collection schedules do not change for Columbus Day.

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For more information, visit [www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste](http://www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste).
Bulk Trash Program

The Bulk Trash Collection Program is for residents who currently receive trash and recycle services from the city of Peoria.

All bulky items should be placed in the gutter/curb no later than 6 a.m. of the zone collection date. Bulky items placed out after a street has been serviced or exceed the maximum collection size (approx. 6’ long x 4’ wide x 3’ tall) may be collected by appointment for a charge.

Call the Solid Waste Division at 623.773.7431 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/bulktrash to view the interactive map and obtain complete program guidelines.

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- Appliances (remove doors)
- Furniture
- Bagged yard waste
- Tree limbs cut into three-foot sections
- Boxed cacti*
- Wood panels less than three-feet square

**BULK TRASH TIPS**

Cut branches into three-foot sections and stack in the same direction.

Put cacti pieces* in a box so no one gets stuck!

Remove freon from appliances. Also remove doors so children or pets can’t be trapped

*Bag jumping cholla and polka dot cactus then place in the trash can.

No WET paint! Leave it out in the sun before you throw it away.
WE DON’T WANT TO DAMAGE YOUR PROPERTY!

BULK TRASH ITEMS BELONG IN THE GUTTER

HAZARDOUS WASTE
Oil, paint thinners, oil-based paint, infectious or medical waste, pool chemicals, antifreeze or auto batteries (See page 2)

MISC MATERIAL
Rocks, bricks, dirt, block, concrete, tile, asphalt, wet or dry mortar, sod, gravel, roofing materials or drywall

AUTO PARTS
No tires (any shape or size), no metal or car parts

GLASS
Windows, shower doors, patio doors, mirrors, glass tabletops or fluorescent tubes

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS

DO NOT place bulk items out more than ONE DAY in advance of collection date.

DO NOT BLOCK THE SIDEWALK OR MAILBOX

PLACE ITEMS FOR PICKUP IN THE GUTTER, NOT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.
We Notice When You’re Recycling Right (and When You’re Not)!

Are you recycling correctly? Peoria inspects recycling containers at the curbside to help educate residents and improve the city’s recycling efforts. When containers contain non-recyclables, the City will notify the resident and provide information. If you receive a notice from the inspectors, remove the contaminated material and contact the City for a go-back service or set the container out for service the next day of collection.

When your container is inspected by our solid waste inspectors, any of the following can happen:

**NO Contamination** - The container will be tagged with a “Thank You” tag for following recycling guidelines.

**MINIMAL Contamination** - The container will be tagged with a “YES/NO” tag, a reminder of the items that are acceptable in Peoria’s recycling program.

**SEVERE Contamination** - The container will be tagged with a Notice of Violation. The container will not receive collection service until the homeowner removes the non-recyclables.

We can all do our part to eliminate contamination in the recycle container by remembering:

- Keep recyclables free of food and liquid.
- Never put recyclables in containers or plastic bags.
- Plastic bags and plastic wrappers **DO NOT** belong in the recycle container, but can be recycled by taking them back to your local grocery store.
- Other contaminants that **DO NOT** belong in the recycle bin include the following items: plastic bags and wrappers, household trash, yard waste, hazardous waste, clothing/textiles, diapers, Styrofoam and electronics.

**Got Questions?**
You can also call us at 623-773-7836 or send us an email at recycle@peoriaaz.gov.

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**Plastic Bags Are Never Recyclable**

Keep these items out of your bin

- Retail Bags
- Newspaper Bags
- Drink Case Wraps
- Paper Towel, Napkin, Bathroom Tissue, & Diaper Wrapping
- Air Pillows
- Dry Cleaning Bags
- Produce Bags
- Bread Bags

Find a recycling drop-off location near you at plasticfilmrecycling.org.

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**Don’t Flush Your Meds**

Keep Drugs Out of Our Drinking Water

Peoria’s Prescription Drug Collection Program accepts leftover, expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs. Leftover prescription medicine inside our homes is highly susceptible to theft, misuse and abuse.

You can drop off potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs anonymously in the green boxes at a police precinct station, during normal lobby hours.

**Public Safety Administration Building**
8351 W. Cinnabar Avenue, Mon. – Fri. 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**Pinnacle Peak Public Safety Building**
23100 N. Lake Pleasant Parkway, Mon. – Thu. 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

- Sharps, liquids and aerosols are not accepted. Ask your pharmacist where they can be returned or check the bottle for a mail-back option.
- Pour liquid medicine over kitty litter or used coffee grounds, then seal it in a bag or jar and toss in the trash.
- Used sharps must be placed in a sharps disposal container immediately after use. Do NOT place them in your city of Peoria trash container.
Sustainable Choices
You can reduce exposure to harmful chemicals by purchasing less hazardous household products.

- Look for products that list all their ingredients on the label. Generally, fewer ingredients are better.
- Use a multipurpose cleaner rather than buying many specialty cleaners.
- Choose products that are made from plant-based materials like citrus, seeds, vegetables, herbs or pine oils.
- Choose products that have low or no volatile organic compounds (VOCs).
- Choose water-based glues, adhesives and paints.
- Choose the least toxic product to do the job. A product with the signal word “caution” on its label is less hazardous than a product with the signal words “warning,” “danger” or “poison.”

Did You Know?
Earth Day was the brain-child of Senator Gaylord Nelson (D-WI). Inspired by the protests of the 1960s, Earth Day began as a national teach-in on the environment and was held on April 22 to maximize the number of students that could be reached on university campuses. By raising public awareness of pollution, Nelson hoped to bring environmental causes into the national spotlight.

According to the non-profit Earth Day Network, more than 1 billion people are involved in Earth Day activities, making it “the largest civic event in the world.”

Recipe
Kitchen Cleaners
Oven Cleaner
- 1 cup or more baking soda
- 1 or 2 teaspoons of non-antibacterial dish soap
Sprinkle water over bottom of oven, then cover the grime with baking soda. Sprinkle or spray more water over the top. Let sit overnight. Wipe up the next morning and wash remaining residue from oven with a bit of liquid soap on a damp scrub sponge.

Dishwasher Detergent
- 1/4 cup washing soda
- 3 drops of non-antibacterial dish soap (optional)
  This recipe will clean one load of dishes.

Recipe
Household Cleaners
All-Purpose Cleaner
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1-1/2 teaspoons non-antibacterial soap
- 1 lemon (optional)
In a 16 oz. spray bottle, add the vinegar and fill with water. Add dish soap last. Add lemon juice.

Carpet Stains
- 1/2 cup white vinegar
- 1 teaspoon liquid soap
- White absorbent towels/cloth
Mix vinegar and soap together in a bowl. Rinse area with warm water and apply solution, leave for 15 minutes, then rinse a towel with clean water and blot dry.

Recipe
Bathroom Cleaners
Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- 1 cup baking soda
- 1 cup white vinegar
- 1 pumice stone
- 1 toilet brush
Sprinkle baking soda into toilet bowl, then drizzle vinegar and scrub with toilet brush. Next, use a pumice stone to remove lime in bowl.

Rust Remover
- 1/2 cup salt
- 1 lemon
- Scrub sponge
Sprinkle a little salt on the rust and squeeze a lemon over the salt until it is soaked. Leave the mixture on the rust for two to three hours. Use the leftover rind to scrub the rust away and then rinse.

Recipe
Laundry Room Cleaners
Laundry Detergent
- 4 tablespoons borax
- 4 tablespoons washing soda
- 4 tablespoons non-antibacterial dish soap
- 1 gallon warm water
- 1/4 cup lemon juice (optional)
Combine water, borax, essential oil and washing soda in a gallon container. Add dish soap liquid last, cover and shake until combined. Use 1/4 cup per load of laundry. Use 2 tablespoons per 1/4 cup per load of laundry.

Stain Remover
- 2 parts hydrogen peroxide
- 1 part dish liquid
- Spray bottle
Add ingredients to spray bottle and mix well before each use. Spray on stain and work in using your fingers. The stain will start to disappear instantly. Wash as usual.
1. Cardboard
2. Paper
3. Food Boxes
4. Mail
5. Beverage Cans
6. Food Cans
7. Glass Bottles
8. Jars (glass and plastic)
9. Jugs
10. Plastic Bottles (with caps screwed on)

DON’T put in the recycling bin. Instead…

PLASTIC BAGS AND WRAPS
Drop off at the grocery store to be recycled.

ELECTRONICS
Drop off at the city of Glendale landfill e-waste bins or take to an electronics store.

TEXTILES AND CLOTHING
Donate to charity or resale stores.

TOP 10 IN THE BIN

Learn more at www.peoriaaz.gov/recycle or email us at recycling@peoriaaz.gov.

Javi the Javelina wants to teach you how to recycle! Download his FREE activity coloring book at peoriaaz.gov/recycle.

Water usage can easily be reduced at every home or business. The city of Peoria offers helpful rebates that can make you more water efficient and save you money!

RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY SAVINGS
NONRESIDENTIAL SAVINGS

- Smart irrigation controller, up to $250
- High-efficiency toilet, up to $100
- Xeriscape conversion, up to $1,650
- New home xeriscape, up to $150

Download an application today at www.peoriaaz.gov/rebates.

For more information, call 623.773.7861.

Since 2003, residents using the xeriscape rebate had more than 1 million square feet of grass removed and saved more than 10 million gallons of water. Just think how much water you could save!

Act now! Only a limited number of rebates are available each year.
What is xeriscape?

Xeriscape is the environmental design of residential and park land to reduce water use with colorful, drought-tolerant, low-water-use plants to provide attractive, shaded landscapes. Xeriscape conversion allows you to eliminate grass and develop a landscape that fits the desert environment.

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### Scorpion Weed (phacelia)

### Sea Purslane (sesuvium verrucosum)
Fast growing shrub from Brazil. Mature size 30’ tall x 10’ wide. Purplish leaves with small blue or white flowers.

### Canary Island Date Palm (phoenix canariensis)
Moderate growing succulent with a mature size 5’ tall x 3’ wide. Blue-green fronds with sharp orange-red tips.

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Peoria Reporter

A major monsoon roars through the Valley. Trees blow over, potholes form and streets flood. Who do you call for help? No one. Pull out your phone and download the Peoria Reporter app. With a few intuitive clicks, you can report all of these issues and so much more - weeds, cracks, leaks, graffiti and code compliance issues. There is no need to search the web for phone numbers, just click and send. The app has a list of department phone numbers. To download, visit your phone’s app store and search Peoria Reporter.

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LANDSCAPE WATER GUIDELINES

How Much & How Often
Water to the outer edge of the plant’s canopy and to the depth indicated. Watering frequency will vary depending on season, plant type, weather and soil.

Seasonal Frequency - Days Between Waterings

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Summer Energy Savings*

Heat waves and long summer days mean staying indoors longer, running air conditioning more often, watering plants more, and washing more clothes like bathing suits and beach towels. This equates to higher overall energy use.

- **Raise the temperature on your thermostat,** ideally 75 degrees while you are at home and 78 degrees or higher when you are not at home.

- **Use fans to cool your home.** Fans cool down a room, while they are in use, by four degrees.

- **Hang curtains to reduce the heat from sunlight coming through windows.**

- **Clean your air filter regularly** to avoid overworking the cooling system.

- **Heat your food in the microwave.** Using the oven can raise the kitchen’s temperature by 10 degrees.

- **Clean behind your dryer** to maintain the efficiency.

- **Switch to LED bulbs,** They use 75% less energy and last 50 times longer than traditional bulbs.

- **Seal cracks and openings** with caulk or weather-stripping.

- **Turn down your water heater temperature** as it accounts for 18% of the energy consumed in the home.

On the very first Earth Day, 20 million people gathered in the streets of America. An environmental movement was born as a result.
Ways to Use Coffee Grounds in the Garden*

After your morning cup of joe, recycle your coffee grounds in your garden. Used coffee grounds added to the soil will improve water retention, drainage, soil aeration and will add nitrogen, magnesium, potassium, phosphorous and calcium. Follow these coffee tips for improving your garden:

- Always use damp, not wet, coffee grounds.
- Work the grounds into the soil around your plants, about six to eight inches deep, or mixed in your mulch.
- Store extra used coffee grounds, but remember to dry them out first. Spread them out on a cookie sheet and place it in a warm oven. Store the dry grounds in a sealed container and keep them in a cool place.

Basics of Organic Gardening*

Organic gardening is a growing process where no synthetic pesticides or synthetic fertilizers are used. This form of gardening focuses on the overall health of the natural system – plants, animals, insects, people, soil and water.

- **Soil:** Organic matter – like compost, manure, peat moss and leaf mold – helps soil hold and retain water and is critical to keeping the soil in your garden healthy. By adding this to your garden, you will add important nutrients, encourage microbial activity and influence soil structure.

- **Planting:** Using native plants requires fewer resources and attracts pollinators to your garden.

- **Water:** The best time to water your garden is early in the morning before the sun and winds start blowing.

- **Disease & Weeds:** Rotate crops that you plant each year and add mulch covering to minimize weeds. If you spot a diseased plant, remove it immediately.

- **Pest Control:** Attract beneficial insects and predators like birds, spiders, lizards, ladybugs, beetles, toads and bats. Some pests are healthy but the key is keeping the population low by removing them or trying a natural pesticide.

GARBAGE TO GOLD

Composting at Home*

There’s a reason seasoned gardeners refer to compost as black gold. When incorporated into the soil, plants are healthier, flowers bloom brighter and pests don’t stand a chance. **Compost can be made at home from ingredients you were planning to throw away.**

Composting requires three ingredients: brown material (dead leaves, branches, twigs), green material (grass clippings, vegetable scraps, coffee grounds) and water. The best ratio is **two parts brown to one part green.** Avoid using meat, bones or fatty foods and be sure to break the material into smaller pieces. Make the job easier with tools like a pitchfork, garden hose, small canister for collecting scraps and a compost thermometer. There are many ways to compost but for those who choose to make a backyard compost pile, here are a few tips.

1. **Pick a spot:** Find a dry, shady spot near a water source on the dirt or grass.
2. **Set a date:** Fall is ideal but you can start composting at any time of the year.
3. **Measure it out:** If your pile is too big, it’s difficult to manage and too small means it won’t heat up properly. 3 x 3 x 3 feet or 5 x 5 x 5 feet is ideal.
4. **Kick it off:** Spark the process by adding a few handfuls of garden soil or finished compost.
5. **Mix it up:** Allow oxygen to flow through the pile by mixing it once a week.
6. **Keep it moist:** The pile should be damp but not soaking wet.
7. **Be patient:** It can take six months to two years.
8. **Use it up:** Add your compost to the soil a week or two before planting.

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Bottled Water vs. Tap Water

• The average price of a gallon of bottled water is $1.22.
• Only about 20% of the bottles are recycled. Most go to a landfill. They take 450 years to break down.
• Many bottled water companies labeling their product as “purified” or “natural spring water” have confessed to filling their products with simple tap water.

• The water that comes out of every resident’s household plumbing only costs approximately 1/2¢ per gallon!
• In most blind taste tests, tap water easily holds its own against bottled waters, even the pricey ones.
• By law, municipal water systems must report their water source and composition...bottled water doesn’t.

Do Your Duty!
Pick Up Your Dog’s Poo

Besides being gross, pet waste can contain:
• E. Coli
• Toxoplasma gondii
• Roundworm
• Tapeworm

It can contaminate stormwater and enter our water supply, causing health problems, especially for the immune-compromised and pregnant women.

Not All Drains Are the Same

Wastewater (Sanitary Sewer) System: Domestic wastewater (such as water from sinks, toilets, washers, etc.) from homes and businesses is collected in sewers and travel via underground pipes to a wastewater treatment plant where the water is treated and cleaned.

Stormwater System (Storm Drain): Rainwater and excess irrigation water travels in gutters, catch basins, underground pipes, retention basins, grass or concrete channels, and washes. The water flows to waterways without receiving any treatment. The city's primary discharge locations are the Agua Fria River, New River, ADOT drainage channels, community retention basins and parks. As the runoff flows, it accumulates debris, chemicals, sediment or other pollutants that could adversely affect water quality. Everything dumped or drained into the stormwater system pollutes the environment.

Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution

• Use fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways, sidewalks and gutters.
• Never dump anything down storm drains or in streams.
• Add vegetation or gravel to bare spots in your lawn.
• Compost your yard waste.
• Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels, and learn how to prevent pest problems.
• Pick up after your pet.
• Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces; consider a rain garden to capture runoff.
• Take your car to the car wash instead of washing it in the driveway.
• Check your car for leaks and recycle your motor oil.
• Have your septic tank pumped and system inspected regularly.

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Plogging

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Meet Jon Manning, our Garden Guru!

The city of Peoria is excited to offer residents free, year-round gardening advice. Our Garden Guru, Jon Manning, is an ISA certified arborist, manager of Elgin Nursery and Tree Farm, and owner of Holiday Farms, which is dedicated to the sustainable, local production of fruit and potted plants without the use of pesticides.

Jon will help you sort through all of your plant questions and issues. He offers his expertise on a wide variety of horticultural topics: landscape design, organic gardening, lawn care and vegetable gardening, composting, native plants and plant selection, natural pest control and disease control!

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Attracting Hummingbirds and Pollinators with Native Plants
Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria 85382
What could be more enchanting than colorful pollinators fluttering through your garden? Discover habitat needs and the best plants to incorporate into your landscape for attracting pollinators, as well as plants that allow them to complete their life cycle.

January 8, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

DIY Design and Install Your Home Irrigation System
Rio Vista Recreation Center, 8866 W. Thunderbird Rd., Peoria 85381
Learn how to design, install and operate an efficient drip or sprinkler system.

January 15, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

Green Thumb - Plant Survival 101
Rio Vista Recreation Center, 8866 W. Thunderbird Rd., Peoria 85381
Learn how to choose, plant, and maintain healthy plants in our desert. We will cover pruning basic tips and discuss a pruning schedule specific for desert plants.

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Planting Wildflowers
Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria 85382
Learn the perfect time to plant annual wildflower seed for a spectacular spring bloom in your landscape. Learn which annuals do best in our area, and how to combine them with perennial plants for the most impact.

February 1, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • Presented by Angelica Elliott

Edible Landscapes
Rio Vista Recreation Center, 8866 W. Thunderbird Rd., Peoria 85381
More homeowners are replacing ornamental plants with those that have a dual function of beauty and food production. Learn about the history of edible landscapes, design concepts, and ideas for front yard and backyard landscapes using ornamental edible plants.

February 5, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

Sustainable Landscape Maintenance
Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria 85382
Learn how to save water, reduce waste generation, promote natural systems rejuvenation and have healthier, longer living mature plants.

February 12, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

Container Gardening
Rio Vista Recreation Center, 8866 W. Thunderbird Rd., Peoria 85381
Whether you have limited space, poor soil, or problems with pests, container gardening may be an alternative solution to planting directly in the ground. Explore different types of planting containers, what types of plants to grow (including annual and perennial fruits and vegetables) and caring for container plants.

February 26, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

Does Your Garden Have a Drinking Problem?
Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria 85382
Learn how to identify and correct problems, maximize the efficiency of your irrigation, and program your irrigation timer.

March 11, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

Landscaping for Small Places
Rio Vista Recreation Center, 8866 W. Thunderbird Rd., Peoria 85381
Small spaces can make outdoor sanctuaries! Learn how to maximize the space of smaller yards and gardens, while reducing maintenance and conserving water.

March 25, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

The Dirt on Desert Composting Made Easy
Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria 85382
Did you know that approximately 21% of all municipal waste is food? Composting is the “black gold” essential to successful gardening. Compost improves soil texture and adds necessary nutrients. Discover how easy it is to produce your own magical soil amendment and save space in our landfills.

April 4, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • Presented by David Hill

Irrigation 101 - Controlling your Controller
Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria 85382
The little plastic box on the side of your house that controls the watering of your yard can be easy! It is important to know how to work your irrigation controller because outdoor watering is often the largest water use for a household. This class will teach you how to properly water the plants and grass in your yard. You will also get hands-on experience by learning how to program an actual controller in class. Take what you learn and apply it to your yard for a healthier-looking and more water-efficient landscape.

April 8, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

Culinary Herb Gardening
Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria 85382
Did you know a diverse array of herbs grow well in our desert climate? Learn how to start and cultivate your own herb plants in a garden, container or landscape area. You will be harvesting fresh herbs for cooking in no time!

April 11, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • Presented by Tracy Rhodes

History of the Sonoran Desert
Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria 85382
Come join in the conversation and be inspired by the amazing history of our Sonoran desert environment. Learn who dug the first canals and the type of crops that grew from the Salt River. Learn about important historical figures too!

April 18, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. • Presented by Angelica Elliott

Creating a Backyard Ecosystem
Rio Vista Recreation Center, 8866 W. Thunderbird Rd., Peoria 85381
Learn how to create a backyard ecosystem that will take your outdoor living to the next level.

April 22, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

Rainwater Harvesting
Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Ave., Peoria 85382
Considering rainwater harvesting and grey-water use for your home? Is there enough rain to support landscape plants? Learn how to harvest rain for your garden, how to calculate needs for an average home in Phoenix, and discuss techniques that work in our desert climate.

April 29, 6 - 8 p.m. • Presented by Jon Manning

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