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*Trash/Recycling Pickup Holiday Schedule

Trash and recycling pick up will change due to the Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving holidays.

Veteran's Day, (Nov 11)

Monday, Nov 11 moves to Tuesday, Nov 12.
Tuesday, Nov 12 moves to Wednesday, Nov 13

Thanksgiving, (Nov 28)

Thursday, Nov 28 moves to Friday, Nov 29.
Friday, Nov 29 moves to Saturday, Nov 30

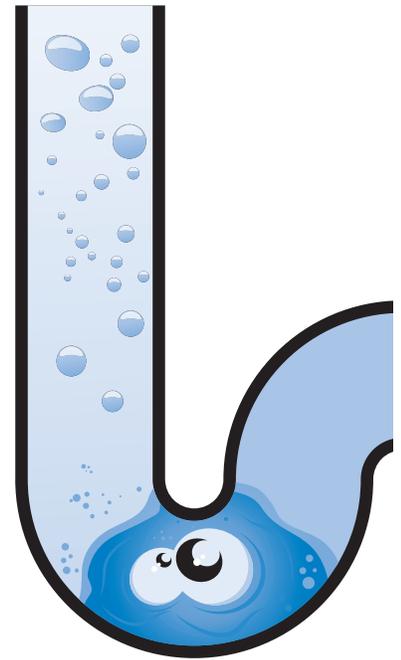
For the full 2013 trash/recycle pick up schedule, call 623-773-7160 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/solidwaste.

Fight FOG!

Keep **fats, oils, and grease (FOG)** from clogging your drain. Follow these simple steps to help prevent sewer backups:

- Pour cold fats, oils, and grease into a covered, disposable container and throw it into the garbage. Do not pour them down sink drains or toilets.
- Soak up spilled oils and grease with an absorbent material – such as paper towels or kitty litter – and throw into garbage.
- Before washing dishes, scrape food scraps, fats, oils and grease into garbage.
- Use sink strainers to catch any remaining food waste while washing dishes.

For more information, call **623-773-7286** or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/utilities.



City Replacing All Water Meters

The city of Peoria is replacing 37,000 water meters to improve the water delivery system and meter reading. The six-year project to replace aging meters throughout the city will have a minimal inconvenience to residents and takes about 15 minutes. Occupants do not need to be at home but a USI Services employee will knock on the door to let residents know they will be installing the new meter. In November and December, meters will continue to be replaced in south Peoria, between Olive and Grand avenues, and in north Peoria between Beardsley and Dear Valley roads.

For more information, call **623-773-7160** and visit www.peoriaaz.gov/watermeter.

Watch Free Kids Movies on Early Release Days



Kids released early from school can watch a free movie at Main Library, 8401 W. Monroe Street. All movies are rated G or PG and no reservations required. For a Peoria Unified School District calendar of early release days, visit www.peoriaud.k12.az.us.

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Recycling Information

Ever wonder what happens to recyclable material after it's picked up by the city? How about learn ways your community can save money on its water bill? Peoria educators, HOAs, churches, and community groups can request a free recycling and/or water conservation presentation or tour of the recyclables sorting facility. To schedule, call Environmental Coordinator Rebecca Borquez at **623-773-7437** or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/sustainableu.



Understanding the Affordable Care Act

Staff at both Peoria libraries is ready to help patrons learn more about the Affordable Care Act and find information to make an educated decision when it's time to sign up for a medical plan. Librarians can assist in the navigation of the website and provide handouts at Main Library, 8401 W. Monroe Street, and Sunrise Mountain Library, 21109 N. 98th Avenue.

Are 'flushable wipes' truly flushable?

Question: Is there such a thing as truly "flushable wipe?"

Answer: This is in reference to those pre-moistened towelettes that are often advertised as flushable. There have been several reports that they are being blamed for creating clogs and backups in the nation's sewer systems. I took this question to Romey Rome-ro, co-host of "Rosie on the House."

He claims there is no such thing as a "flushable wipe." In fact, Kleenex tissues aren't flushable either, he said. To test if a product can be flushed, pour water on it next to a piece of toilet paper, and if the product doesn't break down as much as the toilet paper, do not flush it!"

Information courtesy of Andrea Hiland and The Arizona Republic



LANDSCAPE WATERING GUIDELINES

How Much & How Often <small>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.</small>		Seasonal Frequency — Days Between Waterings				Water This Deeply (Typical Root Depth)
		Spring Mar - May	Summer May - Oct	Fall Oct - Dec	Winter Dec - Mar	
Trees	Desert adapted	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	30-60 days	24-36 inches
	High water use	7-12 days	7-10 days	7-12 days	14-30 days	24-36 inches
Shrubs	Desert adapted	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	30-45 days	18-24 inches
	High water use	7-10 days	5-7 days	7-10 days	10-14 days	18-24 inches
Groundcovers & Vines	Desert adapted	14-30 days	7-21 days	14-30 days	21-45 days	8-12 inches
	High water use	7-10 days	2-5 days	7-10 days	10-14 days	8-12 inches
Cacti and Succulents		21-45 days	14-30 days	21-45 days	if needed	8-12 inches
Annuals		3-7 days	2-5 days	3-7 days	5-10 days	8-12 inches
Warm Season Grass		4-14 days	3-6 days	6-21 days	15-30 days	6-10 inches
Cool Season Grass		3-7 days	none	3-10 days	7-14 days	6-10 inches

These guidelines are for established plants (1 year for shrubs, 3 years for trees). Additional water is needed for new plantings or unusually hot or dry weather. Less water is needed during cool or rainy weather. Drip run times are typically 2 hours or more for each watering.

Peoria's Oldtown Holiday Festival

Friday, December 6th, 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Oldtown Peoria (South of 83rd and Grand avenues)

High School Choral Contest
Kids Zone • Arts & Crafts • Snow Village
Santa & More!

FREE Admission and Parking

For more information, call 623-773-7137 or visit www.peoriaaz.gov/specialevents