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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for Mesa Utility Customers

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I Love Science Day!

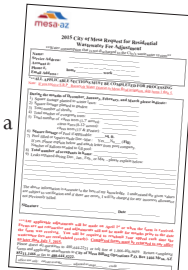
Arizona Museum of Natural History presents "I Love Science Day!" on Feb. 13 from 1pm to 3pm. Need some ideas for a science fair project? We've got 'em! Already have lots of interesting science ideas that you'd like to share with like-minded citizen scientists? Then this is your event! Join us for a fun filled science celebration that has something for everyone! Observe ongoing scientific experiments, and participate in science based activities and crafts! Regular admission rates of \$12 for adults and \$7 for children apply. Members are admitted free.



For more information or to register, call the AzMNH at 480-644-3553 or email AzMNHgroups@mesaaz.gov. Visit our website at AzMNH.org. For the latest on all of our events, "LIKE" us on Facebook at [facebook.com/azmnh1](https://www.facebook.com/azmnh1) and follow us on twitter and Instagram @AzMNH.

2016 Wastewater Fee Adjustment Forms are Available

The City bases its residential wastewater charges on 90 percent of the home's average winter water consumption. The winter water average is computed using the three lowest water readings from December, January, February and March. The completed form could help in reducing your monthly wastewater charges if landscape watering is a large percentage of your monthly usage between December and March.



The Wastewater Fee Adjustment Form must be submitted annually.

Visit our website at mesaaz.gov/home/showdocument?id=7422 to print the form or contact the Customer Service Call Center at 480-644-2221 or 866-406-9659 to request a form.

Make Mesa A Better Community

Make Mesa A Better Community with a tax deductible donation that will assist Mesa residents in need. Last year ABC donations helped Mesa non-profits:

- Supply 64,702 meals and food boxes to seniors in Mesa
- Provide 8,284 emergency shelter nights to children in crisis
- Deliver disaster relief to 36 families displaced from their home due to fire, natural disasters, and other emergency situations
- Shelter homeless families in transitional housing for 16,613 bed nights
- Treat 123 Mesa seniors suffering from cognitive disabilities with therapy sessions



Donating is quick and easy by marking your donation on your utility bill or by visiting mesaaz.gov/abc to donate and learn more.

Look for WaterSense!

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the ENERGY STAR® program to help you select more energy efficient products and they recently created the WaterSense program to help you select the best water saving fixtures. Look for the label on toilets, showerheads, faucets and more.



Learn more at mesaaz.gov/conservation.

INFORMATION
For a complete listing of City events, activities and meetings, check out Mesa's events calendar at www.mesaaz.gov or tune into Mesa Channel 11.

TAKE OUR ONLINE SURVEY AT:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MesaInformation>



Mesa Historic Home Tour



Mesa's 16th Annual Historic Home Tour is Saturday, Jan. 23 from 10am to 4pm. It will feature homes in the Wilbur and West 2nd Street Historic Neighborhoods. It will also feature

several special stops including Sistine House, SW Herb, Inside the Bungalow and Antique Wedding House.

Tickets are \$20. For more information, visit mesamuseum.org.

Recycle plastic bags at the store and not in your blue barrel

Plastic bags and other plastic film (shrink wrap packaging, bubble wrap, plastic wrap, etc.) are NOT ACCEPTED in Mesa's blue barrel. Material collected from the blue barrel must be separated prior to recycling using a variety of sorting equipment with several moving parts. Plastic bags and film become entangled in these moving components and cause significant and costly damage to the equipment. Residents should instead recycle their plastic bags and plastic film at their local retailer. Since the bags are isolated in these specially marked containers, they do not need to be sorted and can be sent directly to the facility where they will be recycled into new bags, carpet, plastic lumber and clothing.



For information about Mesa's recycling programs, visit mesarecycles.org.

Tip: Reduce the use of plastic bags by skipping the bag or using reusable bags instead.

Residents encouraged to treecycle

Mesa residents choosing to purchase a fresh cut Christmas tree this year are encouraged to recycle it at the end of the holiday season after removing all nails, tree stands, lights and decorations. Please remember that wreaths, snow flocked trees and artificial trees cannot be recycled and therefore are not accepted at any of the drop-off sites.

THE FOLLOWING 24-HOUR DROP-OFF SITES WILL BE AVAILABLE DEC. 26-JAN. 17:

- East Mesa Service Center, 6935 E. Decatur St.
- Fitch Park, 651 N. Center St. (enter off of 8th St.)
- Superstition Springs Police/Fire Station, 2430 S. Ellsworth Rd.
- Mountain View Park, 845 N. Lindsay Rd. (enter off of Adobe St.)
- Dobson Ranch Park, 2363 S. Dobson Rd.

For more information or for additional recycling options, please call 480-644-2221 or visit mesarecycles.org.

***Holiday service reminder:** Trash and recycle barrel collection service is provided on all holidays, including Christmas and New Year's Day. Please have your barrel out for collection by 6am.



Green Yard Waste Barrel Program

Did you know that the City of Mesa is the only municipality in the entire state to offer a citywide curbside green barrel program? By participating in this earth friendly program, Mesa residents can recycle their grass, plant trimmings and small tree branches. Material is kept out of the landfill and instead converted into compost. Green yard waste barrels are available for \$6.31 per month and are serviced on the same day as your blue recycle barrel.



For more information, visit mesarecycles.org or call Customer Service at 480-644-2221.

Medical Sharps Disposal

Medical sharps are objects, such as syringes, needles and lancets that are used for insulin intake, blood samples and for other medical purposes. Improper disposal of sharps can pose a serious health and safety hazard. Medical sharps should be placed in a thick plastic or metal container with a tight fitting lid such as a bleach or liquid detergent bottle. Once full, secure the lid with heavy-duty tape and write the words "Not Recyclable" on the container with a black, permanent marker. After following these steps, you can place the container in your regular black trash barrel.



Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Saturday, Feb. 6 | 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

East Mesa Service Center, 6935 E. Decatur St.

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Remember that when you shop, every dollar spent in Mesa supports not only local businesses but your community, providing critical funding for police, fire, streets, parks and more. **SHOP MESA!**