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Adjust your timers to save water during winter months

Now that the nights are cooler and longer, outdoor plants and landscaping will need less frequent watering to stay healthy. Overwatering can be harmful to many desert plants. Check sprinklers and irrigation timers regularly to water properly for the season.

If you're thinking of changing up your landscaping, try plants that don't need much water and install grass only where you really need it. Not only will you save on water costs, you'll help ensure a sufficient water supply now and in the future.

For more helpful information, request a free *Landscape Watering by the Numbers* guide by visiting phoenix.gov/WRC and clicking on "Your Home."



I RECYCLE PHX event

The next I Recycle Phoenix festival will be at the Christown Spectrum Mall

- Acceptable items: Laptops and electronics, phone books and writing utensils, rechargeable and single-use batteries, inkjet cartridges, clothing, small appliances and holiday decor. Document shredding, up to five boxes-full, will be offered along with hard drive shredding.
- Unacceptable items: Household hazardous waste items including tires, all kinds of paint, pool chemicals, cleaning solutions, etc.
- A \$5 fee will be charged for each CRT monitor (bulky computer monitors) and \$10 for each CRT TV (tube).

Details: Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016 at 1703 W. Bethany Home Road, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information or to volunteer at the event, please visit phoenixrecycles.org or call 602-262-4820.



Get rid of your old electronics & household hazardous waste

From toasters to TVs, computers to VCRs, the city of Phoenix wants your old stuff. Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and electronics collection events are only for city residential solid waste customers. No commercial loads, large residential quantities, medical waste, explosives or radioactive waste will be accepted. Non-hazardous materials brought to events will be sorted and disposed of as municipal solid waste. Please bring your current city of Phoenix city services bill showing solid waste fees and a matching photo ID.

Details: January 8 and 9, 2016 at Paseo Highlands Park, 3435 W. Pinnacle Peak Rd., 7 a.m. to Noon. For more information, call 602-262-7251 or go to phoenix.gov/publicworks, click on Household Hazardous Waste Events.



Trash and recycling collection for the holidays



Christmas Day, December 25

Friday, Dec. 25, collection moves to Saturday, Dec. 26

New Year's Day, January 1, 2016

Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, collection moves to Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016

***Trash and recycling containers must be placed 4 feet apart. Please don't overload containers.*

All eyes on Downtown Phoenix for College Football Playoff

The countdown is on for the biggest party in town and you're invited! While the game will be in

Glendale, thousands of people will head downtown to experience the Championship Campus presented by Ak-Chin Indian Community. You can take part in signature events including *Playoff Playlist Live!*, *Playoff Fan Central* and *Taste of the Championship*. Whether you're into football, live music, family fun or great food, there will be something downtown for everyone. The Arizona Organizing Committee (AOC) also is actively seeking more than 2000 enthusiastic individuals to volunteer.

Details: January 8, 9 and 10. For *Know Before You Go* information on navigating your way through the downtown events or to volunteer, visit azchampgame.org or follow on social media @azchampgame.



Tis the season to recycle!

Don't wait until it's too late. Live Christmas trees and wreaths may be dropped off for recycling at participating Phoenix parks starting on Dec. 26.

Details: Call 602-262-7251 for participating locations or use phoenix.gov and search "Christmas tree."

Trees can also be dropped off at A to Z equipment Rental and Sales at 4050 E. Indian School Rd for no charge.

Dates: Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, 2016, times vary. Call 602-468-1188 for more information.

Unwind after the holidays with meditation at the library

Wouldn't it be nice if you could step back, take a little vacation from all the tension and find a place filled with joy, bliss and peace? You can, with the help of meditation and the Phoenix Public Library! Studies show meditation can help lower blood pressure, improve your immune system and improve your ability to concentrate.

Join William Smith, long time meditator and teacher, for "Meditation: A Tool to Balance Your Life." Start on the path to a new you in the New Year!

Details: Call 602-262-4636 or visit phoenixpubliclibrary.org and click on "Calendar" to search for the free classes.

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Doing What Matters: Learn how Phoenix drinking water stays clean

Most of us take for granted the water that comes out of the faucet each and every day. Did you know there are dozens of people working around the clock to make sure the water is clean and safe? Water comes from different sources including the Salt River, Verde River and Colorado River from the Central Arizona Project. That's when chemists with the city of Phoenix Water Services Department get to work.

"It's important for us to characterize that water as it comes in so we can know what kind of treatment we're going to be needing to use and in what amounts," said Allison Shepherd, city of Phoenix Water Services Department chemist. Chemists work to find ways to treat the water to make it safe while saving the city money. "We always want to optimize our treatment as much as possible so that we're doing the best we can with the water we have."

Shepherd fell in love with chemistry after helping her dad treat the backyard pool. Her neighbor, it turns out, was a chemist with the city of Phoenix and helped Shepherd find an internship with the city. The rest is history (or chemistry)!

To see City Manager Ed Zuercher's weekly segment, go to phoenix.gov and search *Doing What Matters*.



City Manager Ed Zuercher with city chemist Allison Shepherd

A rare look into history

You have a fantastic opportunity to go back in time to see a rare 1957 film of The Billingsley Hopi Dancers at Phoenix's Pueblo Grande Museum. It was back in 1921 when the Hopi were told that "church people" petitioned Congress to stop their "pagan" dancing. A platform was erected on the U.S. Capitol steps where both Houses of Congress assembled with their families to see the Hopi dancers. Following the performance, Congress passed a Resolution giving the Hopi permission to carry on their dancing "for all time." The Verde Valley Archaeology Center and Hopi Tribe jointly received a grant to preserve the rare film. Join Pueblo Grande Museum Auxiliary and Ken Zoll, Executive Director of the Verde Valley Archaeology Center, for his presentation on dancers.



Billingsley Hopi Dancers at New York World's Fair

Details: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Free admission and open to the public. Donations are welcome.

Learn how to make pottery

Ever wonder how to make pottery? If so, join Maricopa potter Ron Carlos and Onk Akimel O'Odham artist Jacob Butler for a demonstration about how to make pottery. Discover the many steps involved from clay sourcing, processing raw clay, forming, painting, and the firing process. Guests will also enjoy a demonstration of the paddle and anvil technique, which is a style of pottery making indicative of many of the southern Arizona tribes.



Jacob Butler, left and Ron Carlos, right

Details: Saturday, January 23, 2016, 10 a.m. – Noon at Pueblo Grande Museum.

Cost: \$6 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 17 & kids under 6 are free.