

KSB

KEEP SCOTTSDALE BEAUTIFUL RESOURCES GUIDE

RECYCLING

Recycling drop off areas
Plastic bag recycling
Tire recycling and more

GARDENING

Composting
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WATER CONSERVATION

Tips to conserve water
inside and outside of the
home

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Greetings –

On behalf of the Board of Directors for [Keep Scottsdale Beautiful](#) (KSB), we would like to thank you for reviewing our Resource Guide!

KSB's mission is simple – we are here to engage the community in service to promote a clean, green and sustainable world. We connect with the public by providing practical educational materials and the means to take positive action in their community through volunteer opportunities.

For many years, we have proudly hosted [Purge-A-Palooza](#), a bi-annual one-stop recycling event in Scottsdale aimed at ridding homes and businesses of what can be reused or recycled.

Unfortunately, like many nonprofits across the country, KSB was forced to pivot our efforts and initiatives due to COVID-19. As a result, we made the decision in 2020 to postpone this well-known community event until it was relaunched in the fall of 2022.

But this pause offered a new opportunity for us and we launched our official Resource Guide to continue to build awareness around the numerous resources that are available to the public that they could take part in on their own.

The following pages will provide you with a number of tips, tools and links that are designed to protect our environment and to help beautify public spaces. Each of us can make a big difference if we commit ourselves to making small changes.

To help us improve the guide in the future, we would also welcome your input. The initiatives brought forth in this guide are a communal responsibility that we will take seriously.

We are so fortunate to live and work in a community that takes so much pride in our collective well-being. It is our hope that after reading this resource guide you will decide to take direct action yourself.

Best Regard,

The Keep Scottsdale Board of Directors



About Keep Scottsdale Beautiful

Keep Scottsdale Beautiful is an all-volunteer 501 (c) 3 organization funded by individual contributions and corporate sponsorships.

We are a proud affiliate of [Keep America Beautiful](#).

Our Mission

Our mission is to engage the community in service to promote a clean, green and sustainable Scottsdale

Our Principles

- Protect the environment
- Educate the community
- Beautify public spaces
- Reduce, reuse, recycle
- Help fellow citizens maintain the character and heritage of the community

Our Background

Keep Scottsdale Beautiful is an evolution of the Scottsdale Pride Commission which was decommissioned by the City of Scottsdale in an effort to give the group more flexibility as well as to save city resources. Many of the former commissioners are still involved as board members or volunteers for the new organization.

What We Do

Keep Scottsdale Beautiful promotes individual responsibility and encourages volunteers, together with local civic organizations, government officials, corporations and individuals, to address local quality of life issues. Keep Scottsdale Beautiful is a not-for-profit, 501(c)3; and an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful and will continue to partner with the City of Scottsdale.

Additional information can be found on our website, www.keeptscottsdalebeautiful.org.



Resources

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Disposal

In the midst of a global pandemic, it's not surprising that the use of disposable face masks and gloves has been on the rise. While these items of personal protective equipment (PPE) are helping to reduce the transmission of the coronavirus, they are also causing problems for our waste streams when disposed of improperly. All face masks, gloves and other PPE should be tossed in the garbage whether or not they have been used.

When these items are tossed into the recycling, sanitation workers at the various facilities have to remove these items from the sorting line — often by hand — because they are not recyclable. In addition, disposable masks with their elastic bands are more likely to get snagged in machinery where they will have to be removed by workers.

Help keep our essential sanitation workers safe by disposing of all face masks, gloves and other PPE in the garbage whether or not they have been used.

General Recycling

The City of Scottsdale provides free use and collection of one mauve 90- or 200-gallon recycling bin per household. Inside of these you may place plastic containers numbered one through seven, paper, cardboard, glass, and metals.

City of Scottsdale residents can properly dispose of electronics like computers, printers, phones, cameras, televisions and stereo equipment at the City's free Electronics Recycling Days. Visit scottsdaleaz.gov/solid-waste/electronics-recycling for more details and specific dates of this program.

Where to recycle? Find locations near you that accept and recycle more than 350 products and materials, using one of North America's most extensive recycling databases: earth911.com

Battery and Bulb Recycle

[Batteries Plus Bulbs](#) is committed to recycling spent batteries and light bulbs as a means to reduce waste in our landfills, stop harmful chemicals from contaminating our soil and water, and preserve our environment by decreasing the need for new raw materials from the Earth.



Composting

For composting needs, we recommend [R. City](#).

Did you know that food travels on average 1500 miles to reach your dinner plate?

R. City wants to reduce that number as much as possible and believes urban farms are a great way to keep food fresher, for longer. They also want to make organic food easily accessible to everyone, without the added costs of time and transportation. Goodbye food-desert, hello desert grown food!

By recycling our food waste, we may build the urban farmland needed to sustain our desire for rich, local food and R. City can bring that food to you.

Energy Conservation

Unplug all appliances and turn off power strips you are not using.

Put all devices in power-saving mode, reduce their brightness, and make sure they are set to go to sleep when not used.

Only do full loads of laundry, then allow them to air dry.

Use a non-emitting means of altering room temperature and light settings in a room, such as opening a window or the blinds.

Water-Efficient Irrigation

Watering is a critical component in keeping a typical home's landscaping alive. Many homeowners, however, may be using too much water. Over-watering can inhibit lawn growth, cause a variety of diseases and is more expensive than necessary. Under-watering, on the other hand, will stunt the growth of a lawn, cause it to brown and lead to an insufficient depth of root growth. Understanding how one's irrigation system functions can help ensure that just the right amount of water is used.

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Hazardous Waste Disposal

Household cleaners, paint, automotive fluids, batteries and electronics should not be placed in trash or recycling containers. Scottsdale Solid Waste offers two ways to recycle household hazardous waste: the annual Drop-Off Yard Event and monthly Home Collection (by appointment).

For more information visit: [City of Scottsdale Household Hazardous Waste Program](#)

Acceptable Items:

- Photo Chemicals
- Automotive Fluids
- Household Cleaners
- Pool Acids / Chlorine
- Solvents and Thinners
- Paints / Stains / Varnishes
- Household and Car Batteries
- CFL and Fluorescent Light Bulbs

NOT Accepted:

- Tires
- Appliances
- Ammunition
- Medical Waste
- Landscape Waste
- Explosive Material
- Radioactive Material

Plastic Bag Recycling

Did you know it can take hundreds of years for plastic bags to breakdown in landfills and when they do, harmful toxins are released into the soil? Or that grocery bags, dry cleaning bags, bread bags and produce bags cause severe complications in processing machines when mixed with your curbside recyclables, but can be easily recycled at your local grocery store?

Visit [Plastic Film Recycling](#) for more info.

Recycle clean, dry, plastic bags and film packaging

Look for this label on film products like these...

Recycle if Clean & Dry

Store Drop-off

PLASTIC BAGS / FILM / WRAP

how2recycle.info

- Retail Bags
- Newspaper Bags
- Produce Bags
- Bread Bags
- Air Pillows
- Case Wrap (e.g. snacks, beverage cases)
- Napkin, Paper Towel, Bathroom Tissue and Diaper Wrap (packaging)
- Dry Cleaning Bags

NO frozen food bags
 NO prewashed salad mix bags
 NO degradable bags

Recycled plastic bags and wraps can become new packaging or durable home building products.

plasticfilmrecycling.org

Recycling Drop-Off Areas

Four percent of Scottsdale multifamily properties use the city's recycling program, though additional properties use commercial recyclers.

Apartment complexes can get recycling at a discount from the city if the property manager also purchases public trash service. More information is available on the [Scottsdale city website](#).

The city also hosts nine public recycling locations:

Eldorado Park & Hartley and Ruth Barker Boys and Girls Club (shared parking lot)
2311 N. Miller Road.

Paiute Neighborhood Center
6535 E. Indian School Road

Scottsdale Financial Services Building
7447 E. Indian School Road

Scottsdale Congregational United Church of Christ
4425 E. Granite Reef Road

Scottsdale Public Works Corporation Yard
9191 E. San Salvador Drive

Scottsdale Ranch Park
10400 E Vía Linda

Scottsdale Fire Station No. 609
14970 N. 78th Way

Scottsdale Fire Station No. 610
16701 N. 100th St.

[Additional information on Valley wide drop-off locations.](#)



Tire Recycling

Hatch's Big O Tires

100 South Power Road, Mesa, AZ 85206

Hours: Monday through Friday 8 a.m.- 7 p.m. and Saturday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off

Fee: Yes

Phone: 480-985-5454

[Maricopa County Transfer Station – Cave Creek](#)

3955 East Carefree Highway, Cave Creek, AZ 85331

Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off

Fee: Yes, depending on size. Cash Only.

Limit: Yes. Maricopa County residents may only drop off five tires per visit. Rims must be removed.

[Maricopa County Transfer Station – Morristown](#)

40135 N. Highway 60, Morristown, AZ 85342

Hours: Wednesday and Saturday, 7:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off

Fee: Yes, depending on size. Cash Only.

Limit: Yes. Maricopa County residents may only drop off five tires per visit. Rims must be removed.

Phone: 602-722-1908

[Maricopa County Transfer Station – New River](#)

41835 N. New River Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85086

Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off

Fee: Yes, depending on size. Cash Only.

Limit: Yes. Maricopa County residents may only drop off five tires per visit. Rims must be removed.

Phone: 602-525-5535

[Maricopa County Transfer Station – Rainbow Valley](#)

17795 South Rainbow Valley Road, Goodyear, AZ 85326

Hours: Wednesday to Saturday 7:30a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off

Fee: Yes, depending on size. Cash Only.

Limit: Yes. Maricopa County residents may only drop off five tires per visit. Rims must be removed.

Phone: 602-768-5176

[Northwest Regional Landfill and Recycling Center](#)

19401 Deer Valley Rd., Surprise, AZ 85375

Hours: Monday to Friday 6am to 4pm, Saturday 6am to 1pm

Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off

Fee: Yes, depending on size. Cash Only.

Limit: Yes. Maricopa County residents may only drop off five tires per visit. Rims must be removed.

Phone: 623-584-606

Vehicle Fluid Recycling

City of Scottsdale Hazardous Household Waste Program

Acceptable Items: All Engine Fluids
Drop Off or Pick Up: Pick Up
Fee: No. The costs are already included in Scottsdale resident garbage rates. This program is for residential utility customers only.
Limit: Yes. Scottsdale residents may schedule up to three appointments per year. Maximum of 30 gallons per appointment.

Phone: 480-312-5600

Email

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Acceptable Items: Automotive Fluid, Motor Oil
All Phoenix Metro Locations
Hours: Vary by location
Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off
Fee: No

Firestone Complete Auto Care

Acceptable Items: Transmission Fluid, Motor Oil
All Phoenix Metro Locations
Hours: Vary by location
Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off
Fee: No
Limit: Yes. Five gallons per visit.

Stericycle Specialty Waste Solutions, Inc.

Acceptable Items: Transmission Fluid, Antifreeze
2844 W. Broadway Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85041
Hours: Wednesday through Saturday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off
Fee: Yes, depending on item.
Limit: Yes. Please call for restrictions.
Phone: 602-276-7602

Auto Zone

Acceptable Items: Motor Oil
All Phoenix Metro Locations
Hours: Vary by location
Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off
Fee: No

Napa Auto Parts

Acceptable Items: Motor Oil
All Phoenix Metro Locations
Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off
Fee: No
Limit: Yes. Five gallons per visit.

Pep Boys

Acceptable Items: Motor Oil
All Phoenix Metro Locations
Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off
Fee: No
Limit: Yes. Five gallons per visit.

Walmart Auto Centers

Acceptable Items: Motor Oil
All Phoenix Metro Locations
Drop Off or Pick Up: Drop Off
Fee: No

Water Conservation

Tips for [Water Conservation Throughout the Home](#) by HomeAdvisor

Report or fix leaks right away, and never leave the water running!

Replace water-intensive plants with drought-tolerant species. Not only does this save water, it also helps preserve habitats and biodiversity of native wildlife.

Use only as much water as is necessary for each task.

For water conservation rebates on home improvements such as bathrooms and landscaping, go to the Arizona Municipal Water Users Association website here: [AMWUA](#)

Additional Resources

- [Conserve Water in and Around the Home](#)
- [Water Use Calculator](#)
- [Outdoor Water Conservation Tips](#)
- [Home Water Conservation Checklist](#)
- [100 Ways to Save Water](#)
- [Water Conservation in Homes](#)
- [Household Water Use](#)
- [55 Facts, Figures, and Follies of Water Conservation](#)
- [Nine Tricks That Save Tons of Water](#)
- [Avoid Water Waste in Your Garden](#)
- [Water-Saving Tips](#)
- [Avoid Overwatering Lawns and Landscapes](#)
- [How Does Your Water Use Measure Up?](#)
- [Save Water](#)
- [Water Conservation: It All Starts with You](#)
- [How to Save Water in Daily Life](#)
- [Ways to Save Water Indoors and Outdoors](#)

Green Moving Companies

Green Bin® reduces the environmental impact of moving within the Phoenix, AZ area. We do this by offering an eco-friendly alternative to cardboard moving boxes.

- Each plastic Green Bin® can be reused for 400+ moves
- Bins are fully recycled at the end of their life
- Packing paper is made of 100% post-consumer recycled material
- Reusable bins are sanitized with an anti-viral disinfectant

In 2019 Green Bin® diverted over 3,000 lbs. of cardboard from landfills, saving 28 trees. Green Bin® also donated 9 trees that were planted in the Phoenix metro area.

Visit [Green Bin®](#) to schedule them for your next move for your home or business.





VOLUNTEER FOR KEEP SCOTTSDALE BEAUTIFUL

*As a volunteer-based, charitable non-profit organization,
we gratefully accept volunteers from all backgrounds!*

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Volunteer opportunities include:

- Adopt-A-Road Cleanup Events
- Purge-A-Palooza
- Mayor's Monarch Pledge

Visit www.keeptscottsdalebeautiful.org to learn more.