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## City maintains balanced budget, AAA credit rating

The city of Phoenix finished fiscal year 2010-11 with revenues right on target, expenses under budget and a AAA credit rating, the highest credit rating of the six largest cities in the United States.

"Despite one of the worst economic meltdowns in the history of the United States, Phoenix maintained the highest possible bond rating, which in turn, has saved taxpayers millions of dollars in interest expenses," said Mayor Phil Gordon.

Other highlights include using the city's AAA credit rating to refinance and restructure debt, for a savings of \$44.5 million; increasing the city's



contingency, or rainy day, fund to \$36 million, the highest level in the city's history; and earning a 95 percent approval rating from the public for city employees being "courteous and professional" when providing services to the community.

Sales tax collections continued to improve in 2010-11, with city retail sales increasing by 5.3 percent compared to 2009-10. And residents continued to pay lower Phoenix property taxes, decreasing by 41 percent when comparing 2009-10 to 2010-11. For more details, visit phoenix.gov.

## Holiday garbage/recycling pickup schedule

There's a special holiday collection schedule when a city holiday falls on a collection day. For example: Residents who normally have garbage or recyclables collection on Monday have collection on Tuesday. This moves Tuesday's collection to Wednesday.

### UPCOMING HOLIDAYS:

#### Labor Day

**Monday, Sept. 5**

Monday's collection moves to Tuesday, Sept. 6

Tuesday's collection moves to Wednesday, Sept. 7

#### Veterans' Day

**Friday, Nov. 11**

No collection change

#### Thanksgiving Day

**Thursday, Nov. 24**

Thursday's collection moves to Friday, Nov. 25

Friday's collection moves to Saturday, Nov. 26

*The North Gateway and 27th Avenue transfer stations are closed on each holiday.*

## Brownfields planning meeting set for Sept. 27

A visioning workshop for the Del Rio Area Brownfields Planning Project will be at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, at the Rio Salado Audubon Center, 3131 S. Central Ave.

The workshop will present the results of the three prior workshops and provide residents with the opportunity to review the information and provide input. More community planning workshops will take place in early 2012.

The Del Rio brownfields project will create a brownfields area plan that will help guide the redevelopment of brownfield sites within the area, inform the assessment and cleanup of sites, and identify resources available to assist with redevelopment. The project area includes land between Seventh Avenue and 16th Street, from the Salt River south to Broadway Road.

The term "brownfields" is used to describe real estate that is contaminated or perceived to be contaminated by hazardous substances or petroleum in soil or groundwater.

For more information, visit phoenix.gov/environment and click on "Brownfields Land Recycling Program" or call 602-256-5669.

## Nominations sought for human rights awards

The Phoenix Human Relations Commission is seeking awards nominations for people who have contributed significantly to improving human rights in Phoenix.

The Calvin C. Goode Lifetime Achievement and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Living the Dream awards will be presented Jan. 13, 2012, at the Arizona Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Breakfast. The Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes an individual who has made Phoenix a better place to live by promoting social and economic justice and civil rights, while the Living the Dream Award honors individuals who embody the ideas of Dr. King through a personal commitment to human relations and justice.

For nomination forms, call 602-495-0358 or 602-534-1557/TTY or visit phoenix.gov/eod.

The deadline to receive nominations is 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

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## Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events

**To drop off material at the event you must bring a current municipal services bill showing monthly solid waste refuse fees and matching photo I.D. with the same address.** Dates, hours and locations are subject to change. Please check [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks) for the most up-to-date information on the 2012 collection event schedule.

**No commercial or business waste will be accepted.**

- **Nov. 17 – 19, 2011**  
**8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
North Phoenix Baptist Church  
5757 N. Central Ave.
- **Dec. 15 – 17, 2011**  
**8 a.m. to 2 p.m.**  
Pecos Park, 17010 S. 48th St.  
(Take Chandler Boulevard to 48th Street, south to Pecos)

For green alternative product options, please visit [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks).

### Acceptable HHW Materials at Collection Events

- Automobile fluids – antifreeze; oil; gasoline; diesel fuel; additives; degreasers
- Oil-based paints and related materials (10 gallon maximum) – varnish; turpentine; linseed oil; adhesives
- Pesticides; herbicides; insecticides
- Pool chemicals
- Propane tanks – grill or camp size only
- Car – lead acid batteries
- Car tires – only five (5) per household. NO OVER SIZED TIRES. Rims OK
- Large appliances – refrigerators; freezers; stove; dishwasher; washer; dryer
- Air conditioner; heat pumps; water heaters; evaporative coolers
- Electronics – computers; printers; televisions; stereos; DVD players

No items other than the HHW materials listed above will be accepted at the collection events. For additional options for HHW disposal between events, visit [earth911.org](http://earth911.org).

Never place household hazardous waste in your recycle container! Visit [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks) under "Garbage Services" for more HHW information and alternatives. For solid waste customer service, call 602-262-7251.

## Make plans to attend Phoenix's ultimate recycling event

**R**ecycle your old computers, cell phones, clothing, batteries and even golf balls at the ultimate recycling event from 8 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 24, at Phoenix Municipal Stadium parking lot, Van Buren Street and Galvin Parkway.

Keep Phoenix Beautiful has teamed with the city of Phoenix, businesses and nonprofit organizations for the "recycling palooza." The event offers free document and computer hard-drive shredding, ideas on creative ways to live the "green" life and a canned-food drive to benefit St. Mary's Food Bank.



# Phoenix Recycles

For more information, visit [phoenixrecycles.org](http://phoenixrecycles.org) or call 602-262-4820.

Join Keep America Beautiful on Nov. 15 and recognize the

sustainable efforts of recyclers throughout the U.S. on America Recycles Day.

Keep America Beautiful is coordinating events for this year's observance, which was started in 2001.

Visit [americarecyclesday.org](http://americarecyclesday.org) to learn more about how you can recycle at home.

## Save trees by recycling paper products

**Y**ou can now recycle many types of paper products, including beer/soda carriers, detergent boxes, frozen food boxes and shredded paper (in a clear plastic bag).

As always, you can still toss into the blue barrel newspapers, magazines (including the staples), catalogs, junk mail, cards, envelopes, food boxes, milk cartons and juice boxes, clean pizza boxes, cardboard, paper bags and telephone books.

To keep the Phoenix recycling program running smoothly please do not recycle photos, original blue prints and hardcover books (donate these to your favorite charity).

Roughly 75 percent of recycle materials collected by the city of Phoenix are paper related. Paper materials recovered from blue barrels are sold all over the world for processing into more paper or paperboard. Some materials are recycled at paper mills right here in Arizona. For more information, visit [phoenix.gov/publicworks](http://phoenix.gov/publicworks).

## Don't forget to bag and tie garbage and grass clippings

**T**o make sure your garbage container is collected, please bag and securely tie garbage and grass and place in your curbside container. Remember:

- Curbside containers must be placed at the front of the curb by 5:30 a.m. collection days and removed from the curb by 5:30 a.m. the day after collection.
- Curbside containers must not be blocked. Place container handles to face the residence. Lids must be closed.
- Do not place or stack any material around or on top of containers. Material not in a container will not be collected.

## Yellow pages: opt out or go green

**T**he yellow pages are great, if you use them. But if you've made the transition to an online directory, you can stop delivery of the phone book to your home or business. If you still use the phone book, remember to toss it in the recycle barrel when your new one arrives. Find out more at [yellowpagesoptout.com](http://yellowpagesoptout.com).

# Sept. - Nov. 2011 bulk trash pickup schedule

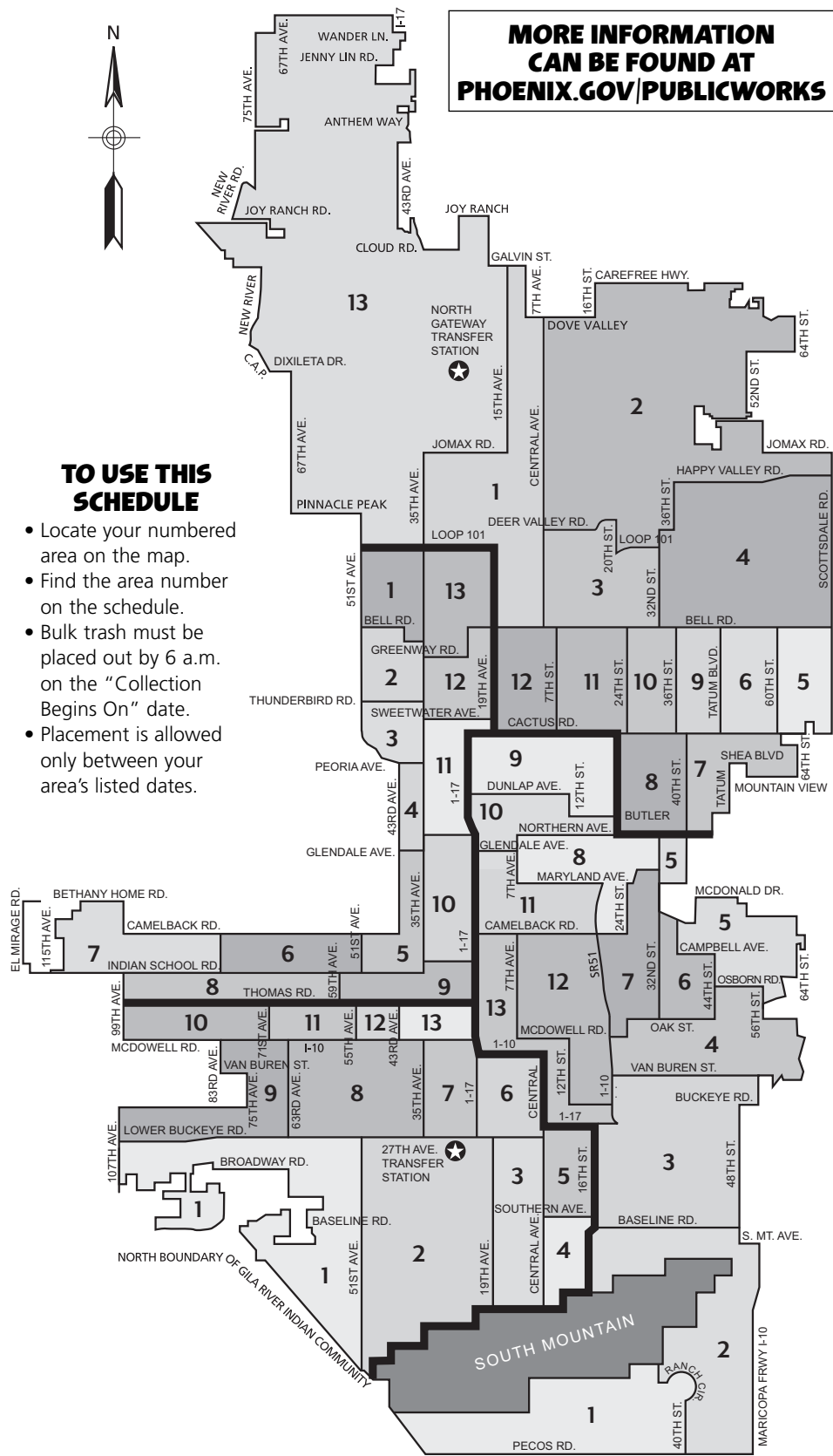
Area	Placement begins on	Collection begins on
2	Sept. 3	Sept. 12
3	Sept. 10	Sept. 19
4	Sept. 17	Sept. 26
5	Sept. 24	Oct. 3
6	Oct. 1	Oct. 10
7	Oct. 8	Oct. 17
8	Oct. 15	Oct. 24
9	Oct. 22	Oct. 31
10	Oct. 29	Nov. 7
11	Nov. 5	Nov. 14
12	Nov. 12	Nov. 21
13	Nov. 19	Nov. 28

## BULK TRASH CREWS DO NOT PICK UP...

- More than 20 cubic yards per residence, or a pile the size of an SUV.
- Loose debris and litter. Please sweep or rake after collection if necessary.
- Loose grass, leaves, weeds, twigs and hedge clippings. It must be bagged or boxed and securely tied to be collected.
- Household hazardous waste (HHW), such as antifreeze, pool chemicals, oil, batteries and paint. See the HHW section for proper disposal.
- Community piles
- Materials such as bricks, concrete, dirt, rocks, asphalt and roofing shingles/tiles.
- Construction materials in excess of 25 lbs. or over 4 feet long generated by a residence.
- Any construction material generated by a contractor.
- Metal or car parts in excess of 20 lbs. or over 4 feet long.
- Any type or size of tire.
- Glass such as windows, shower doors, patio doors, mirrors, fluorescent tubes.
- Appliances that use refrigerants such as freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioners.



**MORE INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND AT PHOENIX.GOV/PUBLICWORKS**



### TO USE THIS SCHEDULE

- Locate your numbered area on the map.
- Find the area number on the schedule.
- Bulk trash must be placed out by 6 a.m. on the "Collection Begins On" date.
- Placement is allowed only between your area's listed dates.

### ONE WEEK RULE

City ordinance allows only nine days prior to the scheduled collection week to place bulk trash out for collection. It is a violation of city ordinance to place bulk trash out before the listed "Placement Begins On" date.

## PHX11 provides live coverage of City Council meetings

All City Council formal and policy meetings are conducted at City Council Chambers, 200 W. Jefferson St. The meetings are open to the public.

Policy meetings begin at 2 p.m. most Tuesdays, and formal meetings at 3 p.m. most Wednesdays. Policy meetings can be viewed live on phoenix.gov and on Cox Cable Channel 11. Visit phoenix.gov for a live audio-only feed of Wednesday's formal meetings.

## Mark Your Calendar

- **Sunday, Oct. 2**  
AIDS Walk Phoenix and 5K Run  
Information: [AIDSWalkPhoenix.org](http://AIDSWalkPhoenix.org)
- **Wednesday, Oct. 26**  
Women's Economic Forum  
10:30 a.m. Phoenix College,  
1202 W. Thomas Road  
Information: [phoenix.gov/phxwomen](http://phoenix.gov/phxwomen)

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### Phoenix City Council

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## Sky Harbor offers parking discounts

Are you planning on flying out of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport over Labor Day, Thanksgiving or the December holidays? If so, America's Friendliest Airport® will offer a valuable discount for travelers.

Download the coupon from [skyharbor.com](http://skyharbor.com) for up to 40 percent off the full-day rate in any of the terminal garages. The discounts will be available Sept. 1 – 7; Nov. 16 – 30; and Dec. 16 – Jan. 4.

The coupon is for 40 percent off the full-day rate of \$25, which means that you will not pay more than \$15 a day for convenient terminal garage parking. Please note this coupon does not apply to the Economy section of the Terminal 2 garage.

You only need one coupon, even for multiple days. However, the discount is only valid during the dates listed on the coupon.

Coupons will be available for download on [skyharbor.com](http://skyharbor.com).



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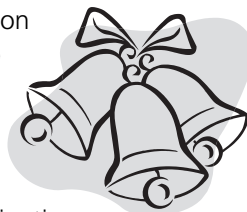
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## Applications accepted for Electric Light Parade

The Electric Light Parade will celebrate its 25th anniversary when it returns to the streets of central Phoenix on Dec. 3. It's not too

early for organizations, groups and businesses interested in participating in the parade to submit applications. This year's theme is "Silver Bells: 25 Years of Tradition."

Application information is available by calling 602-261-8069 or visiting [phoenix.gov/parks](http://phoenix.gov/parks).



## Celebrate opening of South Mountain Community Library

Phoenix Public Library and South Mountain Community College invite you to the Sept. 24 grand opening of South Mountain Community Library. A ribbon-cutting ceremony at 9 a.m. will be followed by a full day of festivities for the whole family.

The library – a joint project of Phoenix Public Library and the community college – is located on the college campus at 7050 S. 24th St. For more information, call 602-262-4636 or visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

## October is Teen Read Month at Phoenix Public Library

Teens can read for the fun of it and earn prizes throughout October during Phoenix Public Library's hero-themed Teen Read Month. Participate by writing book reviews or attending events and be entered in a drawing for prizes, including an iPad. Teens also may nominate a hero from their lives by submitting a short video that will be uploaded to the Library's YouTube channel.

For more information, visit [phoenixpubliclibrary.org](http://phoenixpubliclibrary.org).

## Save parking spaces for the disabled

Holiday shopping time is just around the corner. During the holidays, or any time for that matter, don't let a hectic schedule or heavy traffic at shopping areas tempt you into parking in a spot reserved for people with disabilities.

Motorists who illegally park in a spot designated for the disabled, even if it's just for a minute, could be taking away a space from someone who really needs it. If you get caught, it will cost you between \$250 and \$500.

Police officers and volunteers patrol parking lots and issue tickets to violators. To report violations, obtain information or become a volunteer, call 602-534-SPACE (7722). Additional information also is available at [phoenix.gov/eod](http://phoenix.gov/eod).