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RECYCLING RIGHT! BROWN BIN
VERSUS GREEN BIN



PUBLIC WORKS

AT A GLANCE Goodyear has a successful recycling program, thanks to our great residents who know what to throw in the green container versus the brown one. Too many items going in the wrong bin can put the program in danger. This issue of InFocus provides quick facts and tools to answer common trash and recycling questions.

Transition in Goodyear City Leadership



Julie Karins
Outgoing Goodyear City Manager

Last month, the Goodyear City Council appointed Wynette Reed to serve as city manager after Julie Karins' resignation. Julie, Goodyear's city manager since 2018, resigned to move to the Kansas City area to be closer to her children.

She was instrumental in the creation of Goodyear Civic

Square, which opened in August that will serve as the anchor for the city's future downtown. She also elevated the city's culture by taking it to the next level, focusing on core values, as well as employee growth and development.

"It has been the pinnacle of my career to serve our amazing city," said Julie. "There has been so much to celebrate since I started in Goodyear, and I will forever treasure my time spent here. While I am sad to be leaving the incredible team that we've built here, I am excited to start a new chapter close to family." Her last

day was Feb. 24, at which time Wynette assumed the role of city manager.

"It's an honor to continue to work with a city council that cares so deeply for our community," said Wynette.

"I couldn't do it without our Goodyear team. Our staff truly is our best asset – incredibly dedicated and professional – and it's a privilege to work with them to provide the best services for our residents."

Wynette has more than 36 years of government experience, including nearly 25 years in leadership roles. She came to Goodyear in 2011 as the city's Human Resources Director and was soon promoted to Deputy City Manager. She has overseen every department in the city during her tenure and has help lead the growth efforts at the city in the development process.



Wynette Reed
Incoming Goodyear City Manager

GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

March 6	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
March 20	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
April 10	5 p.m.	Council Meeting
April 17	5 p.m.	Work Session

For the latest meeting information, visit goodyearaz.gov. Council meetings and work sessions are held at Goodyear City Hall at GSQ, Council Chambers, 1900 N. Civic Square.

Catch all of the council meetings streaming live on our Facebook page @goodyearaz and YouTube channel.



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Questions or comments, email: communications@goodyearaz.gov

KEEP PRESCRIPTION DRUGS OUT OF THE TRASH

There are two secure prescription drug drop boxes in Goodyear to help prevent drugs from entering the wrong hands. Using a drop box is also safer for the environment.

Never throw away or flush prescriptions.

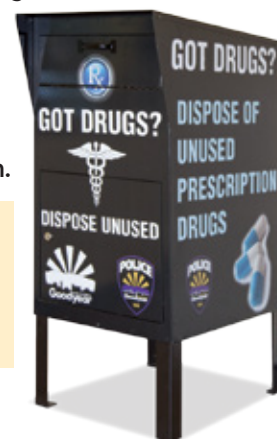
Goodyear Police Administrative Building
14455 W. Van Buren St., Suite E101
Open 24/7

Goodyear Police Operations Building
11 N. 145th Ave.
Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Prohibited in Disposal Box:

- ❌ Syringes
- ❌ Intravenous solutions
- ❌ Illegal substances
- ❌ Injectables

For more information visit:
goodyearaz.gov/police



From the Mayor



Mayor
Joe Pizzillo

The Arizona Legislature began the 56th First Regular Session earlier this year. Within the first month of this session, legislators introduced more than 1,400 bills that could potentially impact every aspect of our lives—including approximately 200 bills directly involving cities like Goodyear.

Nothing is more important to our legislators this time of year than hearing from their constituents. Your voice is vital in this process, and it is relatively easy to express your desires and opinions to our legislators. If you are interested in weighing in on bills that impact you, you can register yourself through the Legislature's Request to Speak program.

Your initial registration must be done at a kiosk located in the lobby of either the Arizona Senate

or the Arizona House of Representatives buildings at the capitol. Once you're registered, you can conveniently participate online from anywhere. This system allows you to associate your name with a position "for," "against" or "neutral" on potential new laws. Legislators will see your name and position throughout the process.

Among the issues being considered this year are bills related to building new roads and eliminating cities' abilities to require new developments to follow design standards to keep our city looking beautiful.

Another proposal is aimed at getting rid of sources of money that allow the city to provide important services such as police, fire and recreational amenities. These are just a few examples of what is being debated by our legislators.

Knowing the impacts of these issues and expressing your desires is more important now than ever before—this is the hallmark of how our government operates. I hope you will consider engaging in the process, becoming informed and weighing in on the issues that affect our everyday lives.



Vice Mayor
Laura Kaino

Council Corner

We have all heard it, the familiar sound of a garbage truck rolling through our neighborhood. Or the rhythmic beeping from the front-loading tractor picking up bulk trash. These sights and sounds are so common that you probably

don't think much anymore about the services being provided. We just expect, without interruption, that when we put out our trash or recycling in the morning that it will be collected by the time we return home in the evening. And I am proud to say that Goodyear delivers for our residents, or should I say, we really pick up for our residents!

As you read this month's InFocus, you will learn more about the city's solid waste services, but it is worth taking a moment to pause and think about the dedicated men and women who perform these vital

services. For example, the entire city of Goodyear is served by only three bulk pickup crews. These public servants visit 300 homes per day and picked up more than 6,000 tons of bulk material last fiscal year. They work hard to remain on schedule so that residents have the reliability of knowing the exact day that their bulk trash will be collected every month. This high level of service helps keep the city looking amazing so that bulk trash is not left out for an extended period of time.

The same can be said about the many other dedicated professionals behind the city's service in solid waste collection, including our contractors through Waste Connections. These men and women are crucial to the operation of our city and the exceptional service that residents expect. It is a great time to be in Goodyear and a big part of that is these professionals that are committed to getting the job done for our community.

The Recycle Journey

Goodyear works in partnership with Waste Connections of Arizona to collect and dispose of trash and recyclables. Both containers are serviced once a week, on the same day, but the journey for the recyclable items is a bit different and longer than the trash in the brown container.

STEP 1



A RECYCLE TRUCK DUMPS ALL THE CONTENTS FROM THE GREEN CONTAINER INTO THE TRUCK.

STEP 2



THE RECYCLE TRUCKS DELIVERS THE CONTENTS COLLECTED IN GOODYEAR TO THE TRANSFER STATION TO TRANSPORT TO THE RECYCLE FACILITY. TRASH IS ALSO DELIVERED HERE BEFORE IT GOES TO THE LANDFILL.

STEP 4



THE BUNDLED RECYCLABLE MATERIALS ARE SENT TO PROCESSING TO TURN INTO SOMETHING NEW!

STEP 3



AT THE RECYCLE FACILITY, ITEMS COLLECTED IN GOODYEAR ARE SORTED BY HAND AND WITH MACHINES. ITEMS THAT AREN'T RECYCLABLE ARE TOSSED AND EVERYTHING ELSE IS SEPARATED BASED ON TYPE OF MATERIAL.

DID YOU KNOW?

Unlike trash, recyclables should not be bagged. Save a bag and toss recyclable items straight into the green container!

Recycling Q & A

with Solid Waste Operations Superintendent Adam Kurtz

Does Goodyear recycle? This has become a more frequent question over the past couple of years. There was a temporary pause in the program during the height of the pandemic due to restrictions at the recycling facility, but that has long ended. Hopefully, this InFocus helps clear the air on this question. Not only do we have a recycle program, we have a successful one.

What happens to items delivered to the recycling plant that can't be recycled?

Items that are not accepted in our recycling program are removed and sent to the landfill. We call this the contamination rate. The more items the city delivers to the recycling plant that can't be recycled, the higher our contamination rate. Right now, it's 20% which is about average for Valley cities, but ours has increased over the years. If contamination increases and remains high over a period of time, it could impact the cost or even the future of the program. That's one reason why it's so important to only throw acceptable items into your recycle bin.

How do I know what I can and can't recycle?

There might be more things than you realize that you can recycle. Two of the most recycled items are plastic water bottles and aluminum cans. We see a lot of those in the recycle containers in Goodyear, but that accounts for a small percentage of most household waste. That's why we created an easy-to-use feature on the city's website. On goodyearaz.gov/recycle, you can enter an item into the Recycle Right Wizard bar to find out if it's recyclable. There are also good recycle tips on this page.

How do I get service?

You can sign up online at goodyearaz.gov/service or call 623-932-3010. Goodyear does not provide service to businesses or multi-family complexes. You can also pay your bill online at goodyearaz.gov/payment or by using the automated system at 623-882-7373.

DID YOU KNOW?

Every day, city recycling inspectors travel to neighborhoods in Goodyear to check bins for non-recyclable items. They will issue a notice to residents in an effort to inform and educate if they find non-recyclable materials in the recycling container.



KNOW YOUR BINS! goodyearaz.gov/trash



Recycle Right!

In Goodyear, our contamination rate is 20% which is which is pretty good, but there is room for improvement. That is where you come in! Knowing what to recycle is half the battle.

THESE ITEMS CAN BE RECYCLED, PUT THEM IN THE GREEN RECYCLING CONTAINER

Metal



Steel, tin and aluminum.
Beverage or food cans
and jar lids
**lightly rinse before
placing in recycling bin**

Glass



Beverage bottles
and food jars
**lightly rinse before
placing in recycling bin**

Plastic



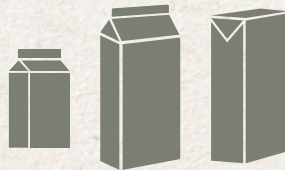
Beverage or food
containers, household
cleaning products, and
plastic product packaging
**lightly rinse before
placing in recycling bin**

Cardboard



Food boxes such as cereal,
snack, and baking mix
**remove liner
before recycling**

Paperboard



Juice, milk, cream, egg
substitute, soup and
wine cartons
**lightly rinse before
placing in recycling bin**

Paper



Uncoated paper bags, paper,
newspapers, magazines,
catalogs and junk mail

RECYCLING CHECKLIST

- ☒ Caps and lids are recyclable.
- ☒ Lightly rinse containers.
- ☒ Do not bag recyclables.
- ☒ Keep your recycling container clean.



Look for these
symbols to ensure
item is recyclable.



NOT SURE WHAT TO RECYCLE?

Take the guess work out.
Ask the Recycle Right Wizard at
goodyearaz.gov/recycle

Test your knowledge!

Circle the items that should go into the recycle bin.
You can use the previous page as a guide. 😊



aluminum can



plastic jug



used diapers



paper egg carton



pantry food boxes

fruit and vegetable peels



used batteries

cardboard boxes



soap bottles and jugs



spoiled or uneaten fruits and vegetables

tin cans



water and beverage bottles



PLASTIC BAGS
INCLUDING SHOPPING BAGS,
PRODUCE BAGS AND PLASTIC
WRAP, SHOULD BE RETURNED TO
YOUR LOCAL GROCERY STORE
FOR RECYCLING.



Polystyrene, commonly called styrofoam, is not recyclable. Do not put beverage cups, food containers, or packing peanuts made of this material in the recycling container.

Pizza and other fast food boxes are likely contaminated with grease or other food debris, preventing recycling.



Organic waste such as food, pet and yard waste should not be put into the recycling container.



CAN BE RECYCLED: ALUMINUM CANS, BEVERAGE JUGS, PAPER EGG CARTONS, PANTRY FOOD BOXES WITH LINER REMOVED, CARDBOARD BOXES, SOAP BOTTLES AND JUGS, WATER AND BEVERAGE BOTTLES

Know Your Trash and Recycle Pickup Days

Holiday Service Schedule

CITY OF
Goodyear

The following holidays will impact trash, recycling and bulk pickup.
That means your collection day will move to one day later.

Independence Day Tuesday, July 4

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, Nov. 23

Christmas Day Monday, Dec. 25

New Year's Day Monday, Jan. 1, 2024

All other holidays do not impact trash, recycling or bulk pickup service.
Service will occur according to schedule.



Need to replace
a damaged trash
or recycling
container?

Visit
goodyearaz.gov/trash
to get information on how
to request one.

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP KEEP GOODYEAR CLEAN!

- Keep your containers clean to minimize pesky flies, maggots and other critters.
- DON'T OVERFILL!** Keep container lids closed to prevent trash from littering your neighborhood and getting into the storm sewer system.
- Tightly wrap grease, cooking oil or other liquids to prevent leaking.
- Always bag garbage and grass before putting into the trash container.
- Don't put items next to your container. If an item is too large for the container, hold it for monthly bulk collection day.



STORM
Only rain in the stormdrain

Trash doesn't belong in the storm drains!
Help keep them clean by keeping
chemicals and debris out of them.

More Than Curbside Services

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

In addition to curbside trash and recycling pickup, Goodyear offers a convenient seasonal household hazardous waste (HHW) pickup service. To make it easier for you, the city will pick up items such as paint cans, flammable liquids and household cleaning items from your curb, by appointment.

The next pickup takes place in May. Residents can schedule an appointment starting April 17 at goodyearaz.gov/HHW. The website also includes a list of approved HHW items.

Can't wait until May for the curbside service?

No problem! You can also drop off household hazardous waste at ACTEnviro in Laveen. Contact them directly at 602-842-9160 to schedule an appointment. It's available for Goodyear residents with an active sanitation account with the city. A paper or electronic copy of your most recent bill with the city will be required to schedule an appointment.

DANGERS OF NOT DISPOSING TRASH PROPERLY

This image shows what can happen if flammables are placed in the trash or hidden in the bulk collection. Never put rechargeable batteries in the trash! When they are compacted, they can rupture and explode. Safely dispose of these batteries in the city's HHW program. Fireworks, candles or hot ashes and coals should also never go in the trash without thoroughly soaking them in water first.

BULK PICKUP SERVICE

Every month, the city also provides a bulk pickup service. Items too large to fit into your trash can, you can put on the curb for pickup on your designated day. Did you know, a street sweeper visits every neighborhood the day after bulk collection day?

The following items will NOT be accepted for bulk collections:

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|---------------------|--|
| Household trash | Dirt or mulch |
| Hazardous materials | Large glass items, such as windows, doors and tabletops |
| Large auto parts | Material from construction repair or demolition, such as roofing materials, drywall and concrete |
| Tires | |
| Oil | |
| Rocks | |



Get Involved in Shaping the Future of Goodyear

Interested in getting more involved in the city? Want to provide input and help guide the city's future? The city recruits for a variety of citizen boards, commissions and ad hoc committees throughout the year. Members of these groups are volunteers and are appointed by the city council. They make recommendations to council regarding a range of topics, including projects and policy related to arts and culture, planning and zoning, parks and recreation and so much more!

Applications for city citizen boards, commissions and committees are always accepted and good for one year.

Apply today at goodyearaz.gov/boardsrecruit.



April 1 • 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Goodyear Community Park
3151 N. Litchfield Rd.

goodyearaz.gov/events

Helpful Information for Seniors for Everyday Living

You Are Not Alone (YANA) is a free program offered by the Goodyear Police Department and successfully run by volunteers. The program provides regular phone calls, home visits and educational opportunities to seniors. Seniors can also call the **YANA** program for help finding specific services and resources.

This month, **YANA** will host its annual Chat and Chew event with guest speakers to address some of the everyday issues many seniors are facing, including scams and identity theft.

Chat and Chew

Thurs., April 13

Goodyear Recreation Center
420 S. Estrella Pkwy.

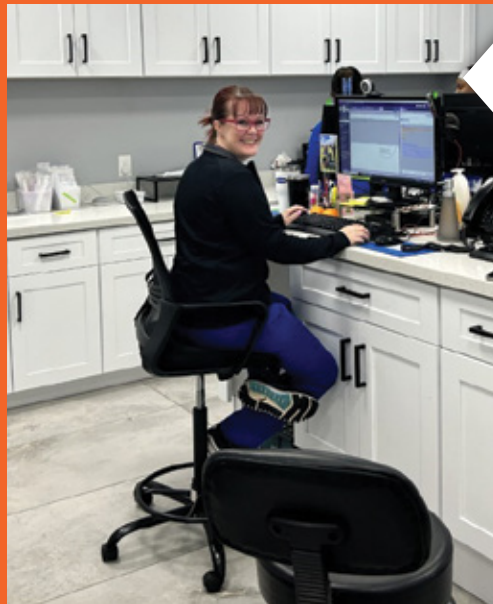
10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Save your spot by emailing rbeals@goodyearaz.gov or by calling 623-696-8545.

goodyearaz.gov/YANA



What's That in Goodyear?



MY DR NOW

831 S. Cotton Ln. Suite F7
Now Open!

Planet Fitness

409 N. Litchfield Rd.
Now Open!

The Learning Experience

16450 W. Yuma Road
Opening later this year!

Learn more about the businesses coming to Goodyear at developgoodyearaz.com.

Carry your spring training tickets on your phone!



If you have a smartphone, there's no need to carry paper tickets anymore. Similar to boarding passes that are downloaded and accessed from airline apps, game tickets may be purchased, accessed, scanned and even forwarded right from fans' devices. Goodyear Ballpark encourages fans who have not yet downloaded the **MLB Ballpark app** to create an account prior to visiting the ballpark. It only takes a few minutes and that time spent may be well worth the time saved waiting in line.

Learn more at MLB.com/apps/ballpark

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<i>Spring Training '23</i>						FEB 25 CLE 1:05PM
26 TEX 1:05PM	27 TEX 1:05PM	28 KC 1:05PM	MAR 1 OAK 1:05PM	2 SF 1:05PM	3 MIL 1:05PM	4 KC 1:05PM
5 ARI 1:05PM	6 COL 6:05PM	7 SF 1:05PM	8 TEAM MEXICO 1:05PM	9 SD 1:05PM	10 ARI 6:05PM	11 OAK 1:05PM
12 LAD 1:05PM	13 MIL 1:05PM	14 LAA 1:05PM	15 CHC 6:05PM	16 CWS 1:05PM	17 CLE 6:05PM	18 SEA 6:05PM
19 COL 1:05PM	20 LAA 1:05PM	21 LAD 1:05PM	22 SD 6:05PM	23 SEA 6:05PM	24 CHC 6:05PM	25 CWS 6:05PM
26 CIN 1:05PM			GOODYEAR BALLPARK Game dates, times, promotions and opponents are subject to change.		 HOME	 HOME

2023 Spring Training Schedule

To find out more about the spring training ticketing options, select the tickets tab at

goodyearbp.com



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yard games
and more



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more info at goodyearaz.gov/events



Easter Festival

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April 8
5-8 p.m.

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