

ADEQ Hosts First Free Environmental Resources Roadshow in Prescott

PHOENIX (September 23, 2015) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) and partners, Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Adopt a Highway Volunteer Programs and Keep Arizona Beautiful (KAZB), will conduct an “Environmental Resources Roadshow” in Yavapai County on Wed., Oct. 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Prescott Police Department Training Room, 222 S. Marina St., Prescott, Yavapai County.

ADEQ encourages community members, business people, public officials, and school representatives in Prescott and surrounding areas to attend this free two-hour event. Following brief presentations, attendees can engage in open dialogue and a question and answer session.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ROADSHOW

- ADEQ: successful municipal recycling programs such as electronic waste and food recovery
- ADEQ: how communities can benefit from ADEQ’s brownfields grants and technical expertise
- ADOT: volunteer process for adopting sections of Arizona highways for litter cleanup
- KAZB: statewide litter prevention, recycling and beautification programs

ADEQ Director Misael Cabrera said, “In Arizona, where recycling is a voluntary practice, community education and engagement are critical.” He added, “Through our Roadshows, where we visit with rural Arizona communities face-to-face, we are gaining a deeper understanding of how best to address their specific environmental challenges and cultivate environmentally responsible economic growth.”

Background

ADEQ’s recycling program, which began 1991, has facilitated recycling initiatives in every county in Arizona. Currently, the program focuses on hosting environmental roadshows across the state, particularly in rural areas, to educate Arizonans about what they can do to establish or enhance recycling programs to protect and preserve their environment. For detailed information, please visit:

- Recycling: <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/solid/recycle.html>
- Electronic waste recycling: <http://azdeq.gov/environ/waste/p2/ewastetoolkit/index.html>
- Food recovery: <http://www2.epa.gov/sustainable-management-food>

Brownfields are properties with active redevelopment potential hindered by known or perceived environmental contamination. ADEQ’s non-competitive brownfields grant program has funded more than 50 projects assisting local governments and nonprofits in completing environmental assessments and cleanups. Currently accepting applications, ADEQ’s brownfields grant program conducts projects through Arizona’s State Response Grant using funds provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Visit <http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/waste/cleanup/brownfields.html>.

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About ADEQ

Established by the Arizona Legislature under the Environmental Quality Act of 1986, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality is the state agency for protecting and enhancing public health and the environment of Arizona.

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