

NEWS RELEASE



ADEQ, ADOT and Keep Arizona Beautiful Host Free Environmental Resources Roadshows in Yuma and Ajo

Everyone is invited: community members, elected officials, Tribes, government agencies, school representatives and business members.

PHOENIX (April 6, 2016) – Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) and Keep Arizona Beautiful (KAZB) staff will conduct two “Environmental Resources Roadshows,” where attendees will learn about ways to improve their local environment.

Yuma

Mon., Apr. 18, 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Public Works Training Room
155 W 14th St.
Yuma, AZ 85364

Ajo

Tues., Apr. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Salazar-Ajo Public Library
15 W Plaza St., #179
Ajo, AZ 85321

The Environmental Resources Roadshow partnership encourages community members, Tribes, business people, elected officials, government agencies and school representatives in Yuma and Ajo and the surrounding area to attend one of the no-cost, two-hour events. Following brief presentations, attendees can engage in open dialogue and participate in a question and answer session.

Topics

- ADEQ: successful 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

If you are interested in the Environmental Resources Roadshow presenting in your community in 2016, please call one of the listed contacts.

Background

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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Environmental Resources Roadshow (cont.)

ADEQ – Recycling

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>

ADEQ – Brownfields Grant Program

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>.

ADOT – Adopt a Highway Volunteer Program

Over the years, the ADOT Adopt a Highway volunteer program has provided a multimillion-dollar labor value to Arizona taxpayers by keeping our highways clean. ADOT's Adopt a Highway volunteer program began in 1988 in Globe. Today there are volunteers in every county of the Grand Canyon State, especially in rural Arizona, where volunteer litter pickup provides big savings in maintenance costs. Visit: www.azdot.gov/adoptahighway.

Keep Arizona Beautiful

KAZB is a statewide nonprofit (founded in 1988) with the mission to empower citizens and communities to care for their environment through litter abatement, recycling, and beautification. The KAZB Affiliate Network provides communities with resources and best practice training to tackle their local environmental challenges. Visit www.kazb.org.

Environmental Resources Roadshow Contacts

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- KAZB Executive Director, Jill Bernstein, executivedirector@kazb.org or (602) 651-1227
- ADOT Adopt a Highway Programs, Patricia Powers-Zermeño, ppowers-zermen@azdot.gov or (602) 712-4620