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Back to School: Back to Tree Planting!

Special Groupon Grassroots fundraiser to benefit schoolyard planting projects

As fall approaches, it is time for thinking about what trees we would like to plant—whether at our own home, business, or in public spaces—for all to benefit from the aesthetic, health and recreational opportunities coming from an environment improved by desert trees.

You can help directly contribute to tree planting efforts at local schools: Make a donation today in \$10 increments, via our Groupon Grassroots campaign!



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<http://www.groupon.com/deals/grs-tucson-clean-beautiful-inctrees-for-tucson>

Highlight: Recycling Education staff

The voice behind the recycling info line: Rebecca Quintero!

Beki joined the staff of Tucson Clean & Beautiful five years ago. Her friendly voice always seems to have an answer: if you want to know what can be recycled or where to donate or dispose of this or that item, call the (520) 791-5000 recycling information line. Beki also arranges presentation of the E Pluribus Recycles! Play for elementary age classes and groups, coordinates the annual RUMBA recycled art contest, Master Recycler classes, special electronics collection events, and much more.

Before joining the organization's staff, Beki was an active TCB volunteer for her own neighborhood, coordinating several Adopt-a-Park, Street and Wash projects along with a neighborhood peace garden created to transform a former vacant lot that was often used for illegal dumping. She also worked for the former Graffiti Abatement Program in Tucson.

We wish her a happy anniversary of being part of our organization, and give appreciation for her strong ethic of community involvement!

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Mission Statement:

The purpose of Tucson Clean & Beautiful, Inc., a non-profit organization, is to preserve and improve our environment, conserve natural resources, and enhance the quality of life in the City of Tucson & eastern Pima County. These goals will be achieved through initiating educational & participatory programs implemented with broad-citizen, multi-culture support.

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Your Membership Counts! TCB Programs have an immense impact on improving the environment and quality of life across the Tucson/Pima County metropolitan area, and are supported by your membership donations. Join or renew to also receive special member discounts! Visit www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org or call (520) 791-3109 for an updated list.

Already a member? Give a gift membership to family and friends!

Please check membership category: Junior (12 and under) - \$5 Student & Senior - \$15 Individual - \$20 Family - \$30 Business - \$100 to \$500 Corporate - \$500 to \$2000 Benefactor - \$2000 or more This is a gift membership (please fill in gift recipient information below and attach your information) My company matches donations (please include matching gift form)

Membership Dues: \$ _____
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Or donate online via Network for Good!
www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org

E-mail: _____

Back to School: Back to Tree Planting! (continued)

Now is also the time to begin requesting trees through the Trees for Tucson program, for delivery in September and October—which is one of the best times of year to plant trees as temperatures begin to cool.

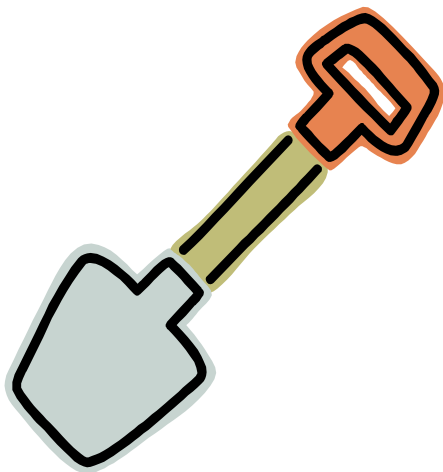
Trees for Tucson can now deliver trees to homes throughout much of the metropolitan Tucson area, to help provide shade. This includes homes within approximately a 30 mile radius from the center of Tucson, whether in the TEP or Trico service area.

- ◆ Tucson Electric Power customers: visit www.treesfortucson.org for an application or call (520) 791-3109
- ◆ Trico Electric Cooperative members: visit www.trico.coop or call (520) 744-2944

Trees for home shade are available in both service areas, once per calendar year per home.



Planting a Tree? Call 811 before you dig!



Stay safe while planting that beautiful new tree: Call 811 at least two full business days before you plan to dig! The service is fast, FREE, and required by Arizona State Law.

Calling 811 will route you to Arizona Blue Stake, which is the center you need to contact before doing any digging. Arizona Blue Stake will then notify all the underground facility owners to mark any utility lines that may be affected.

Hitting a buried utility line while digging can cause damage to the environment, disruption of utility services, potential fines and repair cost, and serious personal injury or even death. Don't wait, call 811 so you can know what's below before digging.

When calling 811 (or visiting www.arizona811.com) please be prepared to give the following information:

- ◆ Basic contact information (including email)
- ◆ Specific location of excavation (marking proposed digging area in white is recommended)
- ◆ Sub-Contractor contact information (if applicable)

Please have pen and paper to record the ticket number and list of facility owners who will respond.

Buffelgrass Volunteer Events—August/September 2012

Buffelgrass has reared its ugly (seed) heads, and its bright green foliage has sprouted seemingly everywhere we look! So, let's get out there and work to remove this invasive plant that threatens our safety as well as our Sonoran Desert ecology! Upcoming work days:

- ◆ 8/11/2012: Silverbell/Sunset area
- ◆ 8/18/2012: Houghton/Old Spanish Trail area
- ◆ 9/22/2012: Kennedy Park, near Mission Rd. and Ajo Way
- ◆ 9/29/2012: Manville Road, between Saguaro National Park & Ironwood Forest National Monument

Please email happydesert@gmail.com or call (520) 837-6832 for more information and to sign up for these volunteer projects to dig up invasive plants along scenic corridors!

Help improve your own neighborhood: If you can't make these events but would be interested in learning to identify and remove buffelgrass in your own neighborhood, borrow supplies, or to arrange for a presentation to your association or organization, please also be in touch!

New Recycling Center—Expanded Curbside Recycling List!

The City of Tucson recently awarded a new contract for processing recyclables from its curbside collection and neighborhood recycling center locations. In addition to bottles, papers, cans, and boxes—for the first time all numbers of hard plastics 1-7 are recyclable. This includes such common items as butter tubs, cottage cheese containers, plastic tubes, CD cases, and just about any hard piece of plastic. Please note, that plastic bags and other film plastics are still not accepted curbside - check with your nearest grocery store which should accept these in their bins near the store entrance. Foam or puffed plastic items are also not collected for recycling. Many shipping stores accept packing peanuts and the like for customer reuse.

Please keep recyclables loose in the recycling bin, to facilitate sorting. Just be sure that your trash and recycling bin lid can close, to prevent items from escaping. If you are unsure of whether a particular item is recyclable, please call the TCB Recycling Info Line at (520) 791-5000—or email your question to recycle@tucsonaz.gov for response. Thank you for recycling and reducing landfill waste!

Shopper loyalty, internet searches & recycling benefit TCB

Did you know that some of your every day purchases and internet searches could benefit Tucson Clean & Beautiful programs? Simple things such as shopping for groceries and searching the internet can each contribute a little bit at a time, without costing you anything! Those little bits add up.

- ◆ If you shop at Albertsons, please call TCB at (520) 791-3109 to request a Community Partner card. Scan the card each time at checkout, and TCB receives a percentage of your purchases!
- ◆ Doing a search the internet? Try www.goodsearch.com and set "Tucson Clean & Beautiful" as your beneficiary! Registration is optional. You can also shop from www.goodshop.com at many national retailers, and a portion of your purchases will support our organization!
- ◆ Recycle your empty printer cartridges at any local Cartridge World location—mention Tucson Clean & Beautiful and a donation will be made to our organization! Call 325-7979 for info.

For a list of all current donation opportunities while you shop, visit

<http://www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org/donate-contact/membership-and-donations/>

Have you visited the Reduce-Reuse-Recycle Directory lately? Find local thrift stores including the new CODAC Closet, Habitat for Humanity, ReStore, 1st Rate 2nd Hand and many others. Donate used items or find great buys! Visit www.tucsoncleanandbeautiful.org today! Is your favorite thrift store not listed? Encourage them to call us at (520) 791-5000 so we can provide a free listing and help spread the word!