

**Sweetwater Wetlands  
15<sup>th</sup> Annual Controlled Burn  
Friday, March 11, 2016  
8 AM – 5 PM (weather permitting)  
The Wetlands will be closed to the public.**

**CONTROLLED BURN ACTIVITIES**

The Sweetwater Wetlands, located at 2511 W. Sweetwater Drive, will be **closed to the public on Friday, March 11, 2016**, while Tucson Water Department and Tucson Fire Department hold the 15<sup>th</sup> annual controlled burn. Tucson Fire Department crews and equipment will begin arriving onsite at approximately 7:00 a.m.

Sweetwater Wetlands is scheduled to reopen to the public on Saturday, March 12, 2016.

The controlled burn is an important part of Tucson Water's Mosquito Abatement Program at the Wetlands. The burn removes dead vegetation which can protect aquatic mosquito larvae during their development. From late March to November, Tucson Water applies a common, low-toxicity, granular mosquito larvicide to the water to kill the aquatic mosquito larvae. The removal of the dead thatch makes the applications more effective.

If you have any questions about the planned controlled burn, contact Molly Collins at (520) 837-2240 (office)/(520) 262-5380 (cell) or Valerie Herman at (520) 837-2270.

In the event of windy or inclement weather, the burn will be rescheduled for Tuesday March 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your patience!

