

Housing Programs & Services

NEWSLETTER

How to Get Ready for the New Year

We always make the same resolutions every year, stop smoking, workout, lose weight... but did you ever think about doing them for your home?

Exercise is everyone's resolution, but for your home? You bet! Did you know

- vacuuming for one hour burns 170 calories.
- Making a bed, which you should really do every morning, burns 68 calories.
- Gardening for one hour, 240 calories burnt!

Reducing your carbon footprint...

- Clean up those messes with cloth instead of paper towels.
- Use cloth napkins instead of paper ones.
- Throw food scraps into a compost container instead of throwing them into the trashcan.
- Keep a basket in your closet for those outgrown clothes so they can be donated.

Stop smoking or purify the air in your home...

- Change your home's air filters at least twice a year (see manufactures



instructions on the air filter for recommendations.)

- Incorporate plants into your decorating. Did you know they are a natural air filter?
- Use natural cleaners around your home, such as baking soda to scrub your sink.
 - Clean your vacuum cleaner often. A clean vacuum equals a clean home.

Reduce your energy use in your home...

- Unplug cords that aren't in use.
- Change incandescent light bulbs to LED.
- Turn off lights when you're leaving a room.

Reduce stress... Find calendars on-line that will give you day by day schedules for cleaning your home and doing repairs (visit <http://www.ajcity.net/715/Home-Maintenance-Tips>).

Exercise, reduce your carbon footprint, purify your home's air, reduce energy use, love your home, and reduce your stress.

I hope this inspires you to make and keep resolutions for your home.

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Notable News

Each spring the city hosts a FREE household hazardous waste event. This event is intended to collect items which may be hazardous to you or your home and cannot be disposed of in your regular trash. These items include antifreeze, batteries, motor oil, paint, and tires. Other items to be collected are appliances, electronics, and document shredding.

This event will be held on March 3rd from 8:00 a.m. to noon at 575 East Baseline.

Calendar

- February 19—President's Day, city offices are closed
- March 3—Household Hazardous Waste Event
- April 17—Tax Day!

Programs

Housing Rehab Assistance

The City of Apache Junction has funding available for homeowners within the City of Apache Junction city limits. Funding is available to make improvements to owner occupied homes where one of the occupants is either elderly, under the age of 18, or disabled. Improvements can include, but is not limited to, electrical, plumbing, roofing, heating and air conditioning, and ADA accessibility improvements. Homeowners may obtain an application either:

- 1) online at www.ajcity.net/rehab;
- 2) by phone at (480) 474-2635; or
- 3) by picking one up at City Hall 300 East Superstition Blvd in

the Development Services Building

Funding is available on a first come first serve basis, so applicants are advised not to wait. For more information call (480) 474-2635.

Did you say FREE?

The city is offering Apache Junction residents free reflective house numbers with help from the Friends of Apache Junction and the Allstate Foundation. This offer is on a first come first serve basis, so call today 480-474-2635.

Free Dump Week is provided one week every quarter, Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information and the specific dates, please contact the Apache Junction Landfill at (480) 982-7003.

Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Purify the air in your home!

An inexpensive way to purify the air in your home is to open windows. We are blessed to live in such a beautiful environment. Take advantage of it!

Another way, is to add plants to your home. Experts at NASA explain there are plants which remove mold and toxins from the air. You should use at least 15 of these air-cleansing plants in every 6000 square feet.

Aloe Vera is a real oxygen bomb. A single plant has the capacity of nine air-purifying plants.

Weeping figs are an excellent choice to eliminate formaldehyde from the air. However if you have children or pets, these leaves are poisonous.

Lilies remove chemicals like formaldehyde and trichloroethylene.

A single spider plant cleanses about 2000 square feet. It will absorb toxins, gasoline, formaldehyde, styrene, and carbon monoxide. It needs a tiny bit of sunlight, and exhales oxygen overnight.

Estragon plants will remove 60% of all the toxins in your air, and 58% of feces particles within 6 hours.

Bees Wishes 

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Monday to Thursday 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

RESOURCES

The community will be hosting an event which brings together local organizations and services in one location. This event is to provide information to residents about what services are available in the community for those in need. The event will take place on February 13, 2018 from 3:00—7:00 p.m. at the First Assembly of God Church located at 651 North Ocotillo Drive.

All are welcome!

HOUSING PROGRAM GOALS:

1. Eliminate health and safety hazards in homes;
2. Benefit low to moderate income residents; and
3. Improve neighborhoods and encourage stability.

Housing Funnies



ACCESSIBILITY The City of Apache Junction invites and welcomes people of all abilities to use our programs, sites and facilities. Any question about our service for people with disabilities can be answered by the city's ADA Coordinator (480) 474-2635, TDD (480) 983-0095, or adacoordinator@ajcity.net. Additional information may be found at www.ajcity.net/ada.