

Housing Programs & Services

NEWSLETTER

Decluttering

Do you have too much stuff and do not know where to start? Try these tips to help with the decluttering process.

Take it slowly to make things easier. Try to keep sorting and organizing confined to less than a couple of hours per day, and make it a sociable experience.

If you have a lot of stuff you will need to categorize each item under keep, donate, yard sale, trash or give items to friends and family. Sort and go through each room with colored tags to mark large items for their final destinations.

Have your loved ones claim their own keepsakes during the process. Old sports trophies, high school yearbooks and other items can go home with their owners to make things easier for everyone.

You can usually get rid of old and useless items, like old bills and paperwork that's no longer necessary. Keep all the important documents together in a safe location, and let family members know where they are located. A location may be a safe deposit box at a bank or small safe within your home. Be on the lookout for important documents that you must keep, such as:

- Birth certificates
- Social Security cards
- Deeds
- Diplomas and degrees
- Financial documents

- Medical records
- Military records
- Passports
- Powers of attorney
- Wills
- Bank records
 - Driver's license and vehicle registration
 - Insurance policy
 - Investment and retirement account information
 - Medicare information
 - Tax records



Many people don't want to let go of things they feel are important. Try these methods to help encourage decluttering:

- Take photos of things that are special to remember them.
- Ask yourself, "has this been used in the last year?", If not, it needs to go.
- If it is intended to be an heirloom or passed down, consider doing it now.
- If it is chipped, broken, stained – toss it!
- Have a collection? Ask yourself, which is your favorite pieces and keep only a few.
- Ask yourself, "does this item bring me joy?" If it does not, it should go.

Leaving room in your home for only those items you use and those that bring you joy, will help to make your home more enjoyable and clutter free!

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Notable News

Lots of things are happening in Apache Junction. SR88 is closed at Superstition and a new roundabout is being placed at the intersection of SR88 and Superstition Blvd. This transportation feature will improve safety and travel through the area. Construction is expected to be completed Fall 2018.

The city's primary elections are scheduled for August 28th and the general election is November 6th. Come out and vote on local and state representatives as well as local Proposition 423.

Calendar

- August 28—Vote today!
- September 3 -Labor Day
- October 8—Columbus Day
- October 31—Halloween

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.

RESOURCES

Apache Junction Thrift stores

- <https://www.amazinggoodwill.com/donating/donor-guidelines>
- <https://www.stvincentdepaul.net/thrift-stores/apache-junction-thrift-store>
- <https://www.facebook.com/Community-Thrift-Store-475974715889564/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/sunshineacresfurnitureandmore/>

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

Decluttering is freeing and can help the overall feel of your home.



Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Need to donate items? Consider local thrift stores. Apache Junction has several thrift stores. However we recently welcomed two new large stores.

Most thrift stores accept new or gently used goods. Remember if it is broken, chipped, stained, or otherwise in poor condition you should throw it away.

The great thing about thrift stores is they are often tied to organizations that provides services to those in need. Programs may include employment, youth services, social services, or access to basic needs.

A thrift store is a great way to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle! It is also a fast and easy way to get rid of unwanted items in your home without the hassle of a yard sale.

Bee's Wishes



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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.