

Housing Programs & Services

NEWSLETTER
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Be Monsoon Ready

The Arizona monsoon season is from late June to September. The monsoon can sneak up on you and cause havoc to your home. Preparing for the stormy weather will help keep your home safe and reduce the risk of filing a claim with your insurance.

Rainfall can be significant and can often lead to flooding. To prevent as much damage as possible, try to obtain free sand from area fire stations. Place the sandbags in front of your doorways and garage door to help block the water from entering the home.

You can prepare your home before the rain comes by ensuring that it has proper runoff set up. Clean your gutters and downspouts so they can effectively direct the rainfall away from your home. Make fixes if your downspouts aren't properly reaching the ground and bringing the water away from the house.

Dust storms provide one of the most troublesome and dangerous conditions. Dust might seem harmless but it can develop a clog in your smoke detectors and set them off with a false alarm. To ensure that your home is safe with detectors that work properly, consider cleaning your detectors.

It's smart to prepare for high winds. Since these winds can knock trees from your yard onto your home, assess your yard before the season hits. By trimming or removing trees that are too close to the home, you could prevent potential damage.

Roof damage is often a side effect from the harsh storms. Check your roof or have it inspected to determine problem areas, loose shingles or tiles, or soft spots. Have them repaired immediately.

Check your windows and doors for gaps or loose glass and other materials. Repair as needed. Alternatively, consider the option of replacing your older windows with weather-safe options that include double-pane glass.

If you don't have the time or money to complete significant fixes to your house, consider making temporary changes. For example, you could use aluminum flashing to cover problems in the roof so the storm doesn't worsen them.

Being prepared before a storm can help save money and lives.

Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Home maintenance and cleaning hacks that work...

1. Cover your mattress with a waterproof mattress cover to stop water stains and bed bugs.
2. Disinfect your mattress with a vodka spray to kill bacteria.
3. Remove water spots on chrome with a freshly cut lemon.
4. Apply a synthetic car wax to the walls of your toilet bowl to prevent stains.
5. Wash your shower curtain liner in the machine.
6. Clean the exhaust fan in the bathroom with canned air.
7. Clean grout with a bleach pen.
8. Clean the bathroom mirror with shaving cream to prevent fogging.
9. Unclog your drains with alka-seltzer.
10. Pull your refrigerator out to clean behind. It will increase the life of your appliance.
11. Microwave your kitchen sponge for two minutes to kill bacteria.
12. Wipe cooking oil on vent hood to make it repel dust.
13. Soak the vent hood filter in hot water and soap.
14. Polish stainless steel with WD-40. Sharpen your garbage disposal blades with ice and lemon.

Bee's Wishes





Housing Funnies



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.

CITY OF APACHE JUNCTION

VISION: Apache Junction is a diverse community of natural beauty and heritage that offers prosperity, compassion, and forward thinking to its residents, businesses, and visitors.

MISSION: We will focus on and invest in quality of life and planned improvements for serving residents, businesses, and visitors.



AJ Invests is a philosophy backed by the city's vision and mission to invest in our residents by working with various community organizations to provide compassion and forward thinking which creates prosperity and a quality of life unmatched.

AJ INVESTS

The city accomplishes this is through the Strategic Plan on Homelessness. The plan seeks to create a collaborative network of quality resources and services to assist the homeless and at risk residents of Apache Junction.

One way this is achieved is through the weekly Community Resource Center located at the Genesis Project at 564 North Idaho Road, every Monday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. This resource center is open to ALL residents. An updated monthly schedule can be found on Facebook @AJCommunityResource.

Programs and Resources

Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program

Funding is available for homeowners within the City of Apache Junction city limits to make improvements to their homes. Applications are available:

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

Eviction Prevention and Utility Payment Services

For information and assistance contact CAHRA at (520) 466-1112.

Free Dump Week

Provided one week every quarter, Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information and dates, contact the AJ Landfill at (480) 982-7003.

If you have a question or comment about anything written in this newsletter, please contact:

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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.