



Housing Programs & Services

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Weatherization Services

Community Action Human Resources Agency (CAHRA) has funding to assist eligible low-income homeowners in Pinal County with Weatherization.

Under the Weatherization program, improvements are made by CAHRA to help reduce energy consumption and energy costs. A thorough assessment of the eligible home is performed including diagnostic and blower door testing to determine where the house is losing energy and what can be done to stop the loss. The auditor will also assess health and safety issues that might exist in the home. A test to determine carbon monoxide leakage is also done.

Minor repairs are made to make the home safer, more sound and secure. Families are counseled as to changes in their energy use habits, which will complement the work done on the homes, and help promote the conservation of energy. After making the efficiency upgrades, the family could save from 5 to 30% on their energy bill.

Based on the results of the home assessment, weatherization repairs **may include** repair or possible replacement of

old cooling and heating systems, repair or replacement of leaky ductwork, insulation, the replacement of old inefficient refrigerators and the addition of sunscreens. Funding may also be available to assist homeowners with the repair or replacement of non-operable appliances and water heaters.



Eligibility includes: 1) household must be low income, 2) the home must be located in Pinal County and owned by the applicant or be in process of purchasing, 3) applicant must have lived in the home for at least 12 months,

4) mortgage payments and property taxes must be current. An application must be completed and verification of income, home ownership and other documents must be provided.

It's important to stress that the Weatherization program is not an emergency home repair program and applicants may be placed on a waiting list. All efforts will be made to meet the homeowners needs as soon as possible and within the agency's capacity.

For an application or for information call CAHRA at 520-466-1112 or toll free 1-877-472-2472 or write to 109 N Sunshine Blvd., Eloy AZ, 85131 ATTN: Weatherization Program.

Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Household cleaning tips for the lazy housekeeper...

1. Use your dishwasher to clean of dust from knick knacks.
2. Use a dry microfiber cloth to dust wood and skip the polish.
3. Use a stiff paint brush to pull dirt out from around your furniture without having to move it to vacuum,.
4. Clean your manual can opener with wax paper by simply folding the paper, clamp the open on the edge of the paper, and turn the handle.
5. Use Coca Cola on oil stains in the garage by letting room temperature coke sit over night. Then wipe it up.
6. Use a dryer sheet to remove burnt on food from cookware. Place a sheet in the pan, add water, and soak overnight.
7. Clean the microwave by squeezing lemons in water, add the rinds, and cook for 5 minutes. Wipe out.
8. Wear fuzzy socks to sweep your floor as you walk.
9. Clean your mirrors with black tea. Simply brew and add to water.
10. Use toothpaste to remove scratches from your windows.
11. Use rubbing alcohol to remove fingerprints from stainless steel.





Housing Funnies

Welcome back winter!

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

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.

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.

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 and its partners accomplishes this by hosting a Project Connect event. This one day community event brings together service providers to offer on-site information, referrals, and services beyond what is offered at the Community Resource Center.

Join us on February 8, 2020 at the Apache Junction MGC, the Apache Junction Community Resource Center, the Genesis Project, and the Apache Junction Food Bank for an afternoon full of information that ends at the Gazebo for a light dinner.

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.