

Housing Programs & Services

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Prepare for Emergencies

September is National Preparedness Month. It is your responsibility to prepare for an emergency and to be self-reliant during times of disruption. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at www.fema.gov has many checklists for disaster preparedness.

FEMA recommends that you make a disaster plan. Decide where your family will meet in case of an emergency. Designate at least two meeting locations. The meeting location may be right outside your home or at the local library or place of worship. Practice escape routes from your home and neighborhood. Make sure each family member has an emergency contact card and keep the card in a wallet, purse, or backpack.

Second, get an emergency kit. This is sometimes called a 72-Hour Kit or a "Bug Out Bag." After an emergency, you may need to survive on your own for three days.

Electricity, water, and gas utilities may be unavailable for days. Your emergency kit should include:

- One gallon of water per person for at least three days – also water purification tablets are good to have in case the duration of your "Bug Out" exceeds the time you have allotted water;

- Non-perishable food for at least three days – a good choice here are Mainstay bars both 2400 and 3600 calorie size. The ability to cook may not be an option depending on where you end up. Visit www.foodsafety.gov/keep/emergency/index.html for ideas on food preparedness;
- First aid kit;
- Set of extra clothes per person;
- Cash and credit cards;
- Flashlight and extra batteries;
- Battery operated AM/FM radio with extra batteries;
- Personal hygiene items: soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, medication, etc.;
- Copies of personal documents; and
- Whistle to signal for help.

For additional information and checklists for building an emergency supply kit, visit www.ready.gov/.

Residents are encouraged to visit Pinal County Local Emergency Planning Committee:

www.pinalcountyz.gov/EmergencyManagement/LEPC/Pages/Home.aspx for

information on how to be ready if disaster strikes. Stay on top of the news for information concerning weather events, natural disasters, and other emergency situations. A well-informed public that is prepared will make everyone a lot safer and much more able to cope in an emergency.

Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Don't be a drip - fix that leak!

Leaky faucets can waste thousands of gallons of water each year, like money down the drain. Repairing or replacing old or damaged fixtures can be a valuable investment that can save money for years down the road. To check for leaks in your home, first take a look at your water usage during a colder month, such as January or February. If a family of four exceeds 12,000 gallons per month, there are serious leaks. Second, check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak. Third, identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 15 minutes, you have a leak. (Be sure to flush immediately after the experiment to avoid staining the tank.) Finally, examine faucet gaskets and pipe fittings for any water on the outside of the pipe to check for surface leaks.

Shower power!

A full bathtub requires about 70 gallons of water, but taking a five-minute shower saves water by using 10 to 25 gallons. Put a little timer or clock near your shower so you can see how fast you are. Save even more water, and money by installing a water-efficient showerhead. For other tips on how to conserve water check out the EPA website at https://www3.epa.gov/region1/eco/drinkwater/water_conservation_residents.html

Bees Wishes

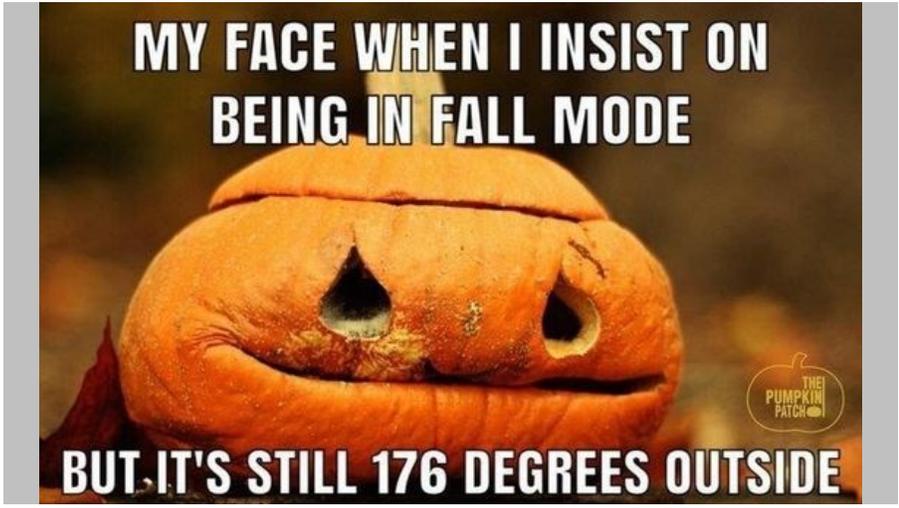




Housing Funnies

Even Arizona autumns can be extremely hot!

Don't forget to stay cool and stay hydrated!



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) 474-5083; or
- 3) at City Hall, 300 East Superstition Blvd in Building D (Development Services)

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 accomplishes this 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.

Many of these resources within this collaborative network can be found online at www.ajcity.net/930/Community-Services-Programs-Resources. The Community Resource Center located at 564 North Idaho Road, Suite 11, and the Empowerment Systems Resource Center located at 2065 West Apache Trail, Suite 116 bring together social service agencies that can also provide on-site information, resources, and referrals as needed.

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 staff at (480) 474-5083 TDD (480) 983-0095, or adacoordinator@ajcity.net. Additional information may be found at www.ajcity.net/ada.