

Housing Programs & Services

NEWSLETTER

Preparing for summer

Here are some tips to prepare your home for the hot Arizona summers:

1. Have roof flashing, caulking, shingles inspected in preparation for monsoon season. Check for continuity of shingles on the planes of the roof and on the ridges. The areas with flashing should be tight and sealed with some type of approved roofing sealant applied.

2. Inspect caulking around windows, doors, and any openings into the home. Many times during the cold season windows and doors will slightly separate from the frame. This can be remedied with an application of external silicone caulking or sealant. Clear silicone may be used to seal under door thresholds and stained wood frames.

3. Clean your dryer vents. A clogged dryer vent causes warm air to blow back in to the room where your dryer is located, eventually raising the temperature in the whole house. A simple cleaning can prevent this from happening and keep your home cooler.



4. Check insulation around windows and doors. Make sure that your door and windows are properly insulated to keep the warm air out. For doors you want to make sure that the weather stripping is intact and providing a good seal around the door. For windows you want to check the seals around the windows to make sure there is no cracking, splitting, or peeling of the seals.

5. Replace HVAC filters regularly. Blocked air filters can reduce the efficiency of your air conditioning system's ability to push and pull air through air registers. Also during summer, allergens are higher and if your family suffers from such symptoms you may want to replace your filter about every 60 days.

6. Run the bathroom exhaust fan during showers. During the summer, an air conditioner's primary purpose is to replace warm, moist air with cool, dry air. A long, steamy shower can create muggy conditions in your bathroom that spills out into adjacent rooms and hallways when you open the bathroom door.
<http://fcihomes.net/top-10-tips.html>

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Notable News

Did you know you have access to your credit report from each of the three consumer reporting agencies once a year? By viewing your credit report you can watch for fraud, identify theft, incorrect information, and claims against your credit. A high credit score opens possibilities for renting an apartment, purchasing a home or a car and even getting a job. Stay on top of your credit score and visit www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228. The three reporting agencies are Equifax, Transunion, and Experian.

Calendar

- May 8-13 Free Dump Week
- May 29 city offices are closed for Memorial Day
- June—school is out for summer. Cool off at the Superstition Shadows Aquatic Center.
- July 4th city offices are closed

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 May 8-13, Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information, please contact the Apache Junction Landfill at (480) 982-7003.

Busy Bee Home Maintenance Tips

Did you know a simple flick of a switch can help cool your home and save you money? Just change your ceiling fan's direction! In the summer you want your ceiling fans to blow air down to give the room a breeze and make it feel cooler. This is the opposite of the winter and running a ceiling fan can make a room feel cooler while leaving your air conditioner setting a little higher.

Bees Wishes



Housing Funnies



RESOURCES

Free financial stability classes are held in Apache Junction the 4th Monday of each month beginning at 8:00 a.m. The classes discuss budgeting and priorities. Classes are offered in partnership with the United Way of Pinal County and the City of Apache Junction. If you are interested, please contact Heather at 480-474-2635.

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.

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.