

Things You Can Do:

- **Start a Neighborhood Block Watch**—Talk to your neighbors and become the “eyes and ears” of your neighborhood. Get to know each other and work together. Contact the Chandler Police Crime Prevention Officer at 480-782-4967 for assistance on starting YOUR Block Watch.
- **Monitor home sales on your street**—When you see a ‘for sale’ or ‘foreclosure’ sign on a property, make a note of the Realtor or Management Company. Ask your neighbors if they know who is managing the property. If there are future problems on that property, you will have the contact information you need
- **Complete a Property Inventory Form**—If your neighborhood is experiencing a high volume of vacant properties call Neighborhood Programs at 480-782-4320 to complete a Vacant Property Inventory Form. Staff will work with your neighborhood group to ensure that you and your neighbors are provided with the proper tools to help reduce the negative impacts of vacant or abandoned properties in your neighborhood.

Vacant homes can be a neighborhood nuisance, including:

- **Parties by teens and young adults that include alcohol and other drugs**
- **Fires**
- **Vagrants and trespassing**
- **Excessive weeds and vegetation**
- **Mosquitoes breeding in neglected pools**
- **Criminal damage of vacant homes (including graffiti, burglary, damage to property, etc.)**
- **Reduced neighborhood security and morale**

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Vacant homes in YOUR neighborhood?



Information & Resource Guide

Vacant Property Challenges

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Who can help ? ...

Green pool ?



Depressed housing markets and foreclosures have resulted in increased numbers of neglected and abandoned swimming pools in Maricopa County. "Green Pools" and other basins/ponds that store water are potential breeding sites for mosquitoes capable of carrying and transmitting West Nile Virus and other mosquito-borne diseases.

HOW THE COUNTY CAN HELP

Report green pools to the Maricopa County Environmental Services Department at 602.506.6616 or you may visit <http://www.maricopa.gov/wnv/> to access their on-line reporting tool. To report a green pool enter the following information: Category: "Insects, pests and Rodents", Type: Mosquitos-Green Pool and Route: Vector Control. This information will direct you to another screen where you may enter the property location and description of the problem.

Abandoned pools will be treated with a product effective for 150 days.

Overgrown weeds ?



Overgrowth of vegetation or accumulation of debris is unsightly and also presents a fire hazard putting neighboring homes in jeopardy. They can also harbor vermin and other pests and pose a public health hazard. This blight has a tendency to depreciate the value of surrounding properties.

Owners are responsible for keeping uncontrolled vegetation such as weeds and grass trimmed to a height of no more than 6 inches and yards free of debris.

HOW THE CITY CAN HELP

Responding to a neighbor's complaint, Code Inspectors will attempt to locate the owner or responsible party and request abatement. You can view the codes and fill out an online code complaint form at www.chandleraz.gov/ code or visit www.chandleraz.gov and on the main page under "Quick Links" select "Contact Chandler" to submit a complaint or call 480-782-4320.

www.chandleraz.gov/Code

Crime & Graffiti



The most common crimes committed in vacant homes include:

- Vandalism, criminal damage, graffiti
- Trespassing
- Vagrants seeking shelter
- Parties involving alcohol & drugs

Graffiti or tagging is a crime; it is vandalism. When not removed promptly, neighborhoods look uncared for and crime problems tend to increase. Individuals taking shelter in vacant properties present health and fire risks. Vacant homes are increasing sites for illegal drug use and underage drinking, placing youth at risk.

HOW THE CITY CAN HELP

If you witness any of these crimes in progress, call 911. For crimes that have already occurred call the Chandler Police non-emergency number at 480-782-4130. To report graffiti call Code Enforcement at 480-782-4320.

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Realtor questions ?



Many vacant properties are owned by a bank or an out-of-town landlord and are often managed by a Realtor or Realty Management Company who may be responsible for maintaining the property while vacant. The realtor may serve as the owner's representative for problem resolution.

HOW REALTORS CAN HELP

If you see a 'for sale' or 'foreclosure' sign on a property, make a note of the contact information for future use if problems arise at that location. If you or someone you know is having trouble making their mortgage payments or owe more than the property is worth, you have options! Abandoning your home is your least productive option! Contact the Arizona Foreclosure Prevention Task Force at 877-448-1211 and ask to speak to a HUD Certified Counselor or visit them at www.azforeclosureprevention.org www.MakingHomeAffordable.gov