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# Protect Your Family, Home and Pets this Summer!

*Summer Safety and Home Tips from Valley's Leading HOA Provider - City  
Property Management*

(PHOENIX) – Summer is almost here. Have you thought about how you will protect your home while you're away and how to keep your children and pets safe around the house and water?

City Property Management, one of the largest and the only locally owned HOA management company, managing more than 286 homeowners associations across Arizona is offering Valley residents summer safety tips going into the hottest months of the year.

“These are no-brainers, simple summer safety tips but they are worth repeating,” said Brian Lincks, President of City Property Management. “Every year we see senseless stories about people leaving children unattended and pets outside or in hot vehicles and we just all need reminders on how we can better protect our loved ones and valuables.”

## **GOING AWAY?**

Summer is here and even with high gasoline prices, many of us are planning family vacations and road trips. If you plan to be away this summer, here are a few suggestions:

- Make arrangements for someone to take care of your trash/recycle cans if necessary and any newspapers that you have delivered.
- Call your paper to have delivery stopped while you are gone.
- If you will be gone more than a few days you can go to the Postal Service web site to download a form for stopping and restarting your mail delivery. The site is [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)
- Turn off the water to your home and drain the hot water heater.
- Make sure backyard and pool gates are closed and locked
- Deactivate your garage door opener.

## **CHILDREN, PETS & THE ARIZONA SUMMER**

The summer heat will be here soon. It can easily get to 110 or more. Have you given thought to your children and yin the back yard? Or, while you are busy in the house or if you are at work, do you know how hot it really is in the back yard?

- Keep pets and children inside during the summer months
- If you must leave your pets in the back yard, ensure they have plenty of fresh, clean water, shade and a fan on the patio floor.
- Don't let children play unattended in the backyard
- Keep pool gates closed and locked. Many smaller dogs cannot climb out of many of the in-ground pools. A locked pool gate will also aid in keeping children out of the pool when adults are not present.
- For your pet --keep a child's wading pool in the shade with fresh water allowing animals to cool off in. Remember to watch young children around the wading pool and change the water daily to prevent mosquitoes.
- If you have a birdbath, fill it each day with fresh water for our winged friends.
- Keep animals and children out of cars. Temperatures can rise to more than 150 degrees in minutes.

### **CANINE SELF EXPRESSION**

Your friend Fido....may not be your neighbor's friend. Some pet owners may forget that not everyone loves Fido.

- If your pet has a barking problem, please be a responsible pet owner and respect and remember your neighbors.
- You are not only disturbing neighbors which is a CC&R compliance matter, but also a City code violation.

### **ARE YOU A GOOD NEIGHBOR**

Are you walking or biking in the neighborhood in the early morning or in the evening?

- If you are out and about the neighborhood and notice any common area problems such as broken sprinklers, downed trees or other landscape concerns, please report them to you HOA.
- Your vigilance will bring quicker solutions to the problems. If you witness suspicious activity, call the local authorities.

### **WEED CONTROL:**

We have the following information as recommended by a local landscaper to make dealing with weeds a little easier. Visit one of the following home improvement warehouses to get the following supplies:

- Hand Sprayer, Surflan® or other pre-emergent, and Round-up® or other weed killer that kills at the root
- Next, spray all granite areas with Surflan® every six months. This will coat existing seeds and prevent their germination, but will not stop seeds that have already started growing.
- Round-up® should be applied to existing weeds. Many inexpensive weed killers on the market only burn off foliage and leave the roots intact. Be sure to use a product that gets the root.

- Weed control is an ongoing battle and it may take 2-3 treatments to obtain noticeable results. Please remember to FOLLOW ALL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS FOUND ON ANY PRODUCTS YOU PURCHASE.

To interview Brian Lincks or another representative with City Property Management contact Jennifer Parks at 480-495-3806 or by email [Jparks@RoseMoserAllynPR.com](mailto:Jparks@RoseMoserAllynPR.com)

City Property currently manages more than **286 homeowner associations** in Arizona, some for as long as 20 years. City Property believes Valley residents often have peace of mind knowing a Valley family with more than 160 employees is managing their day-to-day comfort as well as the long-term preservation and enhancement of their neighborhoods.

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#### **About City Property Management**

Since 1979, City Property Management has provided professional community management at planned unit developments, single-family communities, townhomes and condominiums throughout the greater Phoenix area, as well as several smaller cities throughout Maricopa and Pinal counties. City Property Management clients benefit from 30 years of experience in planning and growing communities as well as a knowledgeable team of employees who are fully certified in Arizona. All community managers—many who have been with the company for more than a decade—receive continuing education. City Property Management is a member of the Arizona Association of Community Managers, Home Builders Association of Central Arizona, Community Association Institute and Institute of Real Estate Management.