

Get Ready For FIRE SEASON



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DEFENSIBLE HOME TIPS:

- Consistently monitor defensible space for maximum fire prevention.
- Remove flash fuels such as dead grass. Do NOT remove live native plants from NAOS. (NAOS easements are areas of continuous natural desert).
- No smoking allowed in NAOS.
- Trim trees within the 30-ft defensible space so the canopy is not touching the ground; remove any dead branches or leaves.
- Trim grass and foliage around trees.
- Keep gutters, eaves and roof clear of leaves and other debris.
- Do not stack wood or other flammable materials within the 30-ft defensible space.
- Keep a rolled-up garden hose with a nozzle attached to an outside hose valve connection.



ABOUT STINKNET

One of the most recent invasive, non-native plants to become established in the southwestern United States is stinknet (*Oncosiphon pilulifer*), a small winter annual native to South Africa. Stinknet was first recorded in Arizona in 1997, and in recent years has rapidly spread in the Phoenix area and to the Tucson area. Stinknet can extend fire from open areas between shrubs, trees and cacti and also creates acrid, irritating smoke, it can increase in number and distribution with fire.



MONSOON SEASON

June 15th-September 30th can be defined as the summer monsoon season in AZ. This time of year usually brings extreme heat, which is usually followed by excessive moisture in the air that causes vivacious thunderstorms brought on by very fast winds. Thunderstorms present a lot of hazards that usually strike quickly and with violent force. When preceded by heavy rain, a tree will be even more susceptible to heavy winds. Heavier rains can cause over-saturation of soil, so a tree with healthy roots may have a weaker hold. In some cases, the bulk of the root system can become exposed if the tree falls over. Regardless, there is a lot of preparation you can and should do to hinder potential storm damage to your trees. The best thing you can do is pay attention – watch your trees when heavy winds or rain is coming.

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