

Silverstone Ranch

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How to Keep Mosquitoes Away

Peak mosquito season lasts through November. Expect mosquitos to be out in force after recent monsoon storms.

The Association performs year round mosquito control in the Common Areas, but fighting mosquitoes is a multi-front battle. *Everyone is responsible for eliminating and preventing mosquito breeding on their property.* Standing water – even just a small amount – can serve as a breeding ground for the insects and it only takes three (3) days for mosquitoes to transform from eggs into biting adults. Mosquito control and prevention are crucial during monsoon season. Here are a few things you can do to help keep the bloodsuckers at bay.

Get rid of standing water

Make sure that your yard has proper drainage to prevent standing water. **Promptly repair irrigation system leaks.** Empty, turn over, drill, or get rid of anything that can hold water, including buckets, toys, tarps, flower pots, hose pots, etc. Fill low areas in your yard with rocks, sand or dirt. *Mosquitos can also breed inside your home, so be sure to drain and clean flower vases and potted plant saucers.*

Kill mosquito larvae

Drop “**Mosquito Dunks**” into any remaining standing water, including gutters, catch basins, irrigation valve boxes, bird baths, and planters. Dunks dissolve in water and release *bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (BTI) which is toxic to all species of mosquito larvae, but will not harm people, pets, birds, fish, plants, or beneficial insects. Dunks can remain effective for up to 30 days and are available at most home improvement stores, including Home Depot, Lowes, and Ace.

Fight the Bite!

In Maricopa County, the front line agency in the war against mosquitoes is **Vector Control**. They can suggest solutions and/or issue citations to anyone who contributes to or maintains a mosquito breeding area on their property. Their staff will need specific information on where you think mosquitos are breeding so they can investigate.

To learn more about the Association's mosquito control program, email us at silverstoneranch@wearevision.com. ★★

Paint Color Scheme Updates ^{New!}

The Architectural Review Committee recently updated the **Master Color Palette** for Silverstone Ranch, including new paint colors, garage door finishes, stone veneers, and paver selections.

Find all the latest options posted on the Association's official website at: www.silverstoneranchhoa.org. ★★

Community Improvement Projects

In accordance with the governing documents, including the 2021 Reserve Study, the following reserve study projects have been recently completed or are in progress:

- **Barn roof:** After 25 years of service, the original tile roof underlayment at the community stables was replaced with a premium-quality synthetic underlayment with a limited lifetime warranty. John Odonal Construction included a 10-yr workmanship warranty.
- **Barn Repaint:** The barn, shed, railings, and bin enclosure are scheduled to be repainted this month. The barn was last painted seven years ago, in 2014.

Questions, comments, or suggestions about any of these project? Please contact us at silverstoneranch@wearevision.com. ★★

2021 Residential Landscape Workshops

Join Gilbert Water Conservation for their free Landscape Workshops beginning Aug 26th.

Classes are free, registration is required.

All class are held at the Southeast Regional Library in the Assembly Room at [775 N. Greenfield Road Gilbert, AZ 85234](https://www.gilbertaz.gov/775-N-Greenfield-Road-Gilbert-AZ-85234).

Thursday workshops run from 6:30-9PM, and Saturdays from 10AM-12PM.

[Click here to register for a workshop!](#)

Video Workshop Library:

- ◆ **Plants for your Arizona Yard**
- ◆ **Hummingbirds and Butterflies in Your Yard**

Monsoon 2021 Update

At Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, **National Weather Service** officials reported 1.67 inches of rain as of July 25, making 2021 the wettest July since 2013 and the 17th wettest July on record. ★★



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*** PEST CONTROL NOTICE ***

Pest & Mosquito Control in Common Areas are performed by Carter Weed & Pest on the **first Thursday of each month.**

Next Service Date: Thu, Sept 2, 2021

**Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021
at 6:30pm**

To sign in visit www.zoom.us/join
Meeting ID and password available at
www.silverstoneranchhoa.org

The Board of Directors typically meets on the **fourth Wednesday of each month.**
Open Session begins at 6:30 pm.

Meetings will be recorded by the Board.

An Executive Session will be held prior to the open session. The Executive Session shall be a closed meeting pursuant to ARS §33-1248 / §33-1804 (A)(3) and (5).