

Aztec Adopt-A-Neighbor Program

Code Compliance is dedicated to making Aztec a clean and safe place by investigating and inspecting properties within the city. Many of the most common violations are related to yard landscaping and maintenance. Tall weeds and grass or overgrown shrubs are regular issues for many homeowners. Often a simple courtesy notice from the Code Compliance Office will bring a property into compliance. But, sometimes in the compliance process we come upon citizens who have the desire to be compliant, but due to conditions beyond their control, have difficulty in maintaining their properties. Aztec residents who are physically unable to maintain their own properties, cannot afford to pay for services, or do not have family or friends who can provide assistance could be matched with interested volunteers. The Adopt-A-Neighbor Program would provide assistance to citizens in need with general yard maintenance to keep their properties in compliance with Aztec City Code.

The Code Compliance Office would work to match available volunteers with qualified applicants. Guidelines have been created for both Citizens in Need and Volunteers. The application process clearly defines the responsibilities and policies of the program for both Volunteers and Residents. Eligibility will be determined based on the principles of ability and need, and a compliance issue.

Facilitating the compliance of residents who might otherwise struggle has a number of benefits. It contributes to the aesthetics of our community. It helps prevent the spread of weeds throughout the area. And it avoids the administrative costs associated with prosecuting code compliance violations. It also provides us with an opportunity to show the Aztec community that we are more than just a punitive body, but rather that we truly care.

- Eligibility Guidelines – Physically unable, financially unable, no friends or family to assist. Must have a Code Compliance issue.
- Citizen Application for Assistance – Application and release form
- Volunteer Application – Application and release form
- Volunteer Guidelines– Establish rules for scheduling and interaction
- Reach out to Church and Community Groups for Volunteers
- Make program information available on City website, Talon, and Social Media
- Solicit Tool Donations so we can provide loaners to volunteers without their own tools
- The Code Compliance Officer will administer the program
- Volunteers will attend a mandatory orientation session to discuss safety and program rules
- If we are unable to match you with a volunteer the property owner is still responsible.
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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICE AT 201 W. CHACO ST OR CALL 505-634-8273.