



Buffelgrass: Tucson's **GROWING** Problem

www.buffelgrass.org
What is buffelgrass?

Buffelgrass (Pennisetum ciliare), an invasive, highly-flammable African grass, is spreading rapidly and creating fire risks in urban, suburban and natural desert areas of Southern Arizona that previously were not fire prone. Unlike most wildland or urban fires, local firefighters face greater challenges due to high temperatures and speed with which buffelgrass fires travel.

Tucson Clean and Beautiful, in collaboration with the Southern Arizona Buffelgrass Coordination Center and Saguaro National Park, has put together a community-based initiative to remove this hazardous invasive species from our parks, streets, and neighborhoods. Since Fall 2011 a series of informational meetings are being held followed by days out in the community where you will get hands-on experience and training in removing buffelgrass (as well as fountain grass) and keeping it from spreading to other parts of the Tucson area. Please attend a nearby workshop and volunteer day!

Site visits and presentations are also available for neighborhood and homeowner associations, and other community organizations.

Supplies and other assistance are also available for community projects throughout the Tucson-Pima County metropolitan area.

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2012 Event Schedule

Date/Purpose	Time (refreshments and check-in begins 30 min. before event)	Location
Wed. Feb. 8, 2012 Information Workshop	6:00-8:00 pm	Mount Zion Lutheran Church 4520 W. Ajo Hwy. <i>East of stoplight at Camino de Oeste</i>
Sat. Feb. 18, 2012 Buffelgrass removal hands-on training	8:00-10:30 am	Snyder Hill (BLM property) 7200 W. Old Ajo Hwy. <i>At San Joaquin Rd. just north of Ajo Way</i>
Wed. Mar. 7, 2012 Information Workshop	6:00-8:00 pm	City of Tucson Ward 2 Council Office 7575 E. Speedway Blvd. <i>North side Speedway Blvd. between Kolb and Pantano Rd.</i>
Sat. Mar. 31, 2012 Buffelgrass removal hands-on training	8:00-10:30 am	Broadway/Houghton Area 10380 E. Broadway Blvd. <i>Meet at shopping center on southeast corner of Broadway and Houghton</i>

