



Too much dust can be unhealthy, especially for our more sensitive populations. We all need to work together to reduce dust pollution and keep Gilbert a Clean, Safe, and Vibrant Community .

**Enforcement:**

The Town of Gilbert, Maricopa County, and the state of Arizona each have rules and regulations for dust control.

- > Town of Gilbert ordinances can be found at [www.gilbertaz.gov/ordinances](http://www.gilbertaz.gov/ordinances).
- > Maricopa County rules can be found at [www.maricopa.gov/aq](http://www.maricopa.gov/aq).
- > Arizona State regulations can be found [www.azdeq.gov](http://www.azdeq.gov).



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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON  
DUST CONTROL, VISIT:**

Gilbert Environmental Programs:

[www.gilbertaz.gov/environment](http://www.gilbertaz.gov/environment)

Clean Air Make More

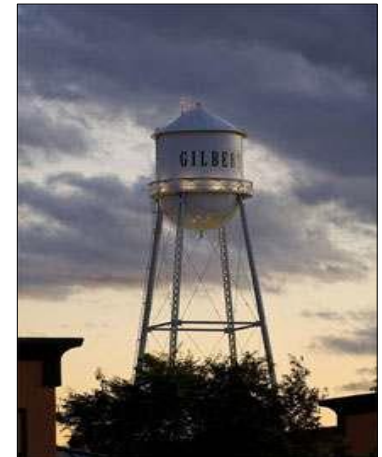
[www.cleanairmakemore.com](http://www.cleanairmakemore.com)

Maricopa County Air Quality Department

[www.maricopa.gov/aq](http://www.maricopa.gov/aq)

Arizona Department of Environmental Quality

[www.azdeq.gov/environ/air](http://www.azdeq.gov/environ/air)



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OUR  
HERITAGE,  
KEEPING  
GILBERT  
CLEAN.**



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS  
480-503-6400**

# WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

## Riding Quads, Dirt Bikes & Off-Roading



If you plan to ride quads, dirt bikes, or other OHVs, make sure it's legal. Driving on someone's vacant lot is illegal unless you have written permission and are actively controlling dust before during and after riding. There are places where riding is legal.

Your local retailer should have a list of acceptable places to ride and other places can be found by visiting websites like Arizona Game & Fish - OHV Trails and places to ride.

If you see someone creating dust, call Maricopa County Air Quality at 602-372-2703.

## Unpaved Driveways/Roads

Many Gilbert residents have dirt driveways leading from the main roadway onto their property. Still others live off of a dirt roads. These can both be sources of airborne dust.

Precautions to take are: drive slow (15 mph or less); make sure that there isn't any mud or dirt being tracked out onto the paved roadway which can cause airborne dust;



and whenever possible, apply gravel, asphalt millings, concrete, or chemical stabilizer to reduce the chances of creating airborne dust.

If you see dust coming from a unpaved driveway or road, call Maricopa County Air Quality at 602-372-2703.

## Leaf Blowers & Wood Burning

Leaf blowers can be a good tool for landscape maintenance but they can also be a big source of airborne pollution. By blowing landscape material into the street, cars can crush it and send residue into the air. Also, using blowers on bare dirt can cause air borne pollution. Visit [www.gilbertaz.gov/environment](http://www.gilbertaz.gov/environment) for more information.



Burning that fireplace on cool winter days makes for a cozy environment but it also puts pollutants into the air. Visit [www.cleanairmakemore.com](http://www.cleanairmakemore.com) to see if it's a no burn day.

## Dirt Shoulders

Here in Gilbert we have many unpaved road shoulders. These shoulders are maintained by our Streets Department to make sure that they do not produce airborne dust.

You can do your part by making sure that, unless absolutely necessary, you don't drive on dirt shoulders. This can cause them to be destabilized.



If it becomes necessary to drive on dirt shoulders, be sure to drive very slowly, thereby reducing the chance of creating airborne dust.

If you see a dirt shoulder that is the source of dust, call Gilbert Public-Works at 480-503-6400.



## Tips & Tricks for Controlling Dust

### Driving on Dirt Roads

- > Reduce your speed to 15 mph.
- > Only drive on public or private roads or easements, don't take shortcuts.
- > Be aware of High Pollution Advisory Days and take extra precautions.
- > Don't park on dirt surfaces that have not been stabilized.

### Vacant Property Owners

- > Post proper No Trespassing signs.
- > Use berms, gates, & fences to keep trespassers off your property.
- > Make sure that your property is stabilized at all times.
- > Beware if you allow vehicles on your property, you are responsible for the dust created.

### Methods of Stabilization

- > Paving with asphalt or concrete
- > Applying gravel or decomposed granite
- > Vegetative cover (as long as it does not exceed height set by fire regulations).
- > Applying water or other chemical stabilizer.

### Leaf-blower & Fireplace Restrictions

- > Landscape debris cannot be blown onto public roadways at any time.
- > Leaf-blowers cannot be used, except in vacuum mode in High Pollution Advisory Days.
- > Never blow directly onto an unstabilized surface.
- > Before lighting that fireplace or chiminea, check to make sure it isn't a No Burn Day.

### Agriculture

- > Farms and croplands are regulated by the State.

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