Frequently Asked Questions

1. Can SSCAFCA come clean the tumbleweeds from my fence/wall which abuts a facility (pond or channel)? Twice a year unless there are extenuating circumstances.
2. Can SSCAFCA come clean the tumbleweeds from my fence/wall which abuts an arroyo or dam? No, SSCAFCA owned arroyos and dams are designated Open Space and will left in their natural state regardless of the type of vegetation growing. The floodways will be monitored to ensure there is no debris or blockage to the rainfall run-off as will the outlet structures for dams.
3. Will SSCAFCA clean up illegal dumping in arroyos? SSCAFCA and the City of Rio Rancho participate in a biannual city-wide clean-up which targets specific areas and arroyos in an attempt to discourage this activity.
4. What do I do if I see graffiti? Graffiti is a continual problem and getting worse. SSCAFCA paints over graffiti in its facilities, dams, ponds, channels. Bridges and other structures that cross over arroyos are typically the City of Rio Rancho (in Rio Rancho’s jurisdiction) responsibility but you can call the SSCAFCA office to confirm ownership of bridges and facilities.
5. Who do I call to report graffiti? In SSCAFCA’s facilities call (505) 892-7246 in the City of Rio Rancho call (505) 891-7224
6. What if I see standing water in a facility? SSCAFCA patrols its facilities in an effort to keep on top of this situation and if there is standing water then “Altosid xr residual briquettes” are added to suppress mosquito activity. SSCAFCA also erects bat houses near some of its facilities to encourage bat habitation and act as a further mosquito suppressant through its BATS (Biological Alternative To Spraying) program.
7. What can be done about ATVs driving in the Open Space by my house? Can’t SSCAFCA arrest them? SSCAFCA is not an enforcement agency or a first responder and does not have the ability to give citations. SSCAFCA tries to control illegal traffic in its facilities by fencing and coordination with the City of Rio Rancho, Village of Corrales and Town of Bernalillo.
8. Who do I call to report illegal ATV activity? Call the non emergency police line for Sandoval County (505) 891-7226.

Living next to Open Space or a SSCAFCA facility is a choice which sometimes entails inconvenience; dirt and dust blowing, tumbleweeds and other noxious weeds, ATV traffic, standing water, and wildlife.