

County of Imperial Colonia Pictures





Abandoned houses are a common problem in colonias and frequently transform into “hang outs” for the local youth who end up using them for drugs and other illicit activities.



A major complaint of colonia residents is the lack of sidewalks, curbs, and gutters in some of the streets. The high alkali content in Imperial County slows the absorption process and water is often left standing weeks after it rains. This makes it difficult to walk and it is not uncommon to see residents or children walking in the middle of the street to avoid mud.



Many of the houses in colonias have “wall unit” air conditioners. These units are out of compliance with the California Building Code and residents are often cited for such violations by code enforcement.





Many properties have a large accumulation of junk in their yards. This causes a decrease in property values and is a source of frustration for neighbors. The trash also poses as a fire hazard and endangers nearby homes since the trash acts as a bridge and allows flames to travel across multiple properties. Several small fires have caused multiple houses to burn.





A large number of properties are located in the Right-of-Way.