



OCTOBER TIP SAVINGS: \$50-\$300/YR  
Avoided Emissions of CO<sub>2</sub>: Up to 500 lbs./YR

## \$USTAINABILITY \$AVINGS TIP

### **DIG IN: FALL IS THE BEST TIME TO PLANT**

*Plant a garden, wildflower seeds or landscape plants*

Fall is a fantastic time to plant because soil temperatures are still warm – encouraging root growth and development – while allowing plants to get better established before next summer’s heat. Plus, with cooler temperatures, plants need less water, and it is a much more forgiving time of year to put new plants in the ground.

It’s also the time of year to plant a vegetable garden or wildflower seeds. **Are you thinking of overseeding your Bermuda grass?** Check out our “[Top Ten Reasons Not to Plant a Winter Lawn.](#)”

**Plant wildflower seeds NOW for spring bloom!**

### FALL PLANTING RESOURCES

1. **Landscape Plants:** Find our online plant selection guide, newly updated with beautiful photos “[Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert](#)”.
2. **Wildflower Seeds:** See our “Annuals” section in the plants guide mentioned above or check out our [wildflower blog](#) for simple sowing instructions.
3. **Vegetable Garden Planting Guides:** Here’s a [planting calendar](#) from the UofA Maricopa County Extension and a [desert planting calendar](#) from the Urban Farm.

### WATER – PLANT IT WISELY

Find the ultimate Fall landscaping and planting guide at [Water – Plant It Wisely!](#) Find info on rainwater harvesting, design ideas, and more. It’s the perfect time to get outside and connect with nature.



### FALL PLANT SALES

- [Boyce Thompson Arboretum](#)
- [Desert Botanical Garden](#)
- [Fall Festival & Plant Sale](#) (by Maricopa County Master Gardeners)

### \$TART \$AVING

You can start saving by planting water-wise plants and doing your part for *building a sustainable community*. Visit our website for more sustainability savings tips at [www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability](http://www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability).



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