

Avoided Emissions of CO2: Up to 500 lbs./YR

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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 10 Reasons Not to Plant a Winter Lawn."

Plant wildflower seeds NOW for spring bloom!

FALL PLANTING RESOURCES

1. **New plants book!** We are pleased to announce that our popular book has been newly updated (Sept. 2024) with beautiful photos and other great features. Pick up your free copy at any of the locations below. You can also find it online "Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert."

Nurseries

A&P Nursery, 2645 W Baseline Road A&P Nursery, 6129 E Brown Road Moon Valley Nursery, 2653 E McKellips Road SummerWinds Nursery, 3160 S Country Club Drive Treeland Nursery, 2900 S Country Club Drive



City Facilities

Mesa Main Library, 64 E 1st Street
Dobson Library, 2425 S Dobson Road
Red Mountain Library, 635 N Power Road
Mesa Express Library, 7045 E Monterey Avenue
Customer Service Center, 55 N Center Street

- 2. **Incentives for grass removal!** Mesa's residential <u>Grass-to-Xeriscape program</u> offers eligible residents up to \$1,100 on a future project to remove grass and replace it with low-water-use plants and trees.
- 3. Water Plant It Wisely! Find the ultimate Fall landscaping and planting website at Water Plant It Wisely! Discover info on rainwater harvesting, design ideas, how to plant, local plant sales, and more.
- Nursery pop-up events! In October, meet Mesa's Urban Forest Program
 Manager and water conservation staff at a free pop-up event at one of two
 Mesa plant nurseries. Learn more on our <u>Trees Are Cool</u> page.
- 5. **Planting wildflowers and vegetable gardens!** See wildflower planting on page 87 of the plants book mentioned above or check out our <u>wildflower blog</u> for simple sowing instructions. For vegetables, Find this planting calendar from the UofA Cooperative Extension.

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Start saving by planting water-wise plants and doing your part for *building a sustainable community*. Visit www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability.



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