



OCTOBER TIP SAVINGS: \$50-\$300/YR
Avoided Emissions of CO₂: 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

Do you need to replace landscape plants lost due to our record-breaking hot summer? 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. Also, 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.](#)"

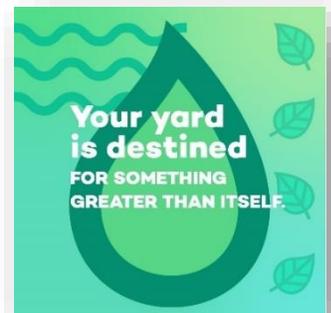
Plant wildflower seeds NOW for spring bloom!

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. Email us at <mailto:conservation.info@mesaaz.gov> for a **free** packet of Sonoran Desert wildflower seeds.
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!](#) Getting outside can be one of the best things we can do for ourselves right now. Doing yard work can ease anxiety, reduce stress, and keep you connected with nature. On our site, we have gathered the best resources to help you get started. Ease your mind and get your hands dirty, we have done the rest.



FALL PLANT SALES

Besides your local nursery, be on the lookout for these great sales:

Due to COVID-19, plant sale formats have changed to provide a safe shopping experience – we recommend double checking on details prior to attending.

- **[Boyce Thompson Arboretum](#):** Oct. 10-25, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Members only on Oct. 9.
- **[Desert Botanical Garden](#):** Oct. 16-Nov 1, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily, timed entry, reservations required

\$START \$AVING

You can start saving by planting water-wise, seasonal plants and doing your part for *building a sustainable community*. Visit our Web site for more sustainability savings tips at www.mesaaz.gov/sustainability. We need to save ourselves, not the planet.



Learn to live Green