

Happy Valentine's Day!

Instead of buying cut roses that will only last a few days for the special person in your life, purchase a living bouquet. Our bedding tables have lovely selections of beautiful flowers at the moment. We will also plant the small bedding plants up for you. If you buy the pot, plants, and soil from us we will pot them up for free!

You could also get them a rose bush that would always have a selection to pick and have on



the table year around. Some of our bushes aren't ready to go home just yet, but we can give you the picture card. It's the thought that counts right? :)

We will also be doing our two day citrus tasting event this month. Saturday February 25 from 10AM-12PM And Sunday February 26 from 12PM-2PM.

We will have freshly cut citrus available for tasting. Our first shipment of citrus trees of the year will have arrived by then and they will be ready to go home with you! We also offer delivery and planting services.

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February Garden Checklist

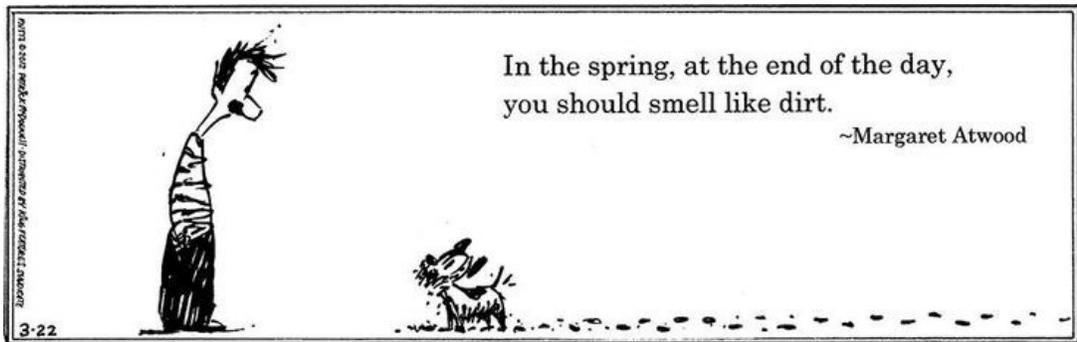
Even though it is starting to feel a little warmer, we can still have the occasional frost. Don't forget that weather forecasts are generally quoted from Tucson International Airport, and many of the outlying parts of Tucson can be up to 10 degrees colder.

Grass: Rye grass should be watered about once or twice a week depending on the weather. Bermuda grass needs water about once a month. Bermuda will begin to turn green and come out of dormancy when the nighttime lows are at least 65 degrees.

Trees and shrubs: Fertilize fruit, nut and shade trees. Middle to the end of the month is the best time to trim any plants that may have received any frost damage. There should be no need to prune citrus trees, however if there are any dead branches within the tree or sucker growth from below the graft line, you can trim those off. Roses can now be fertilized monthly, we recommend using a Miller's Rose and Flower food. Use 1 cup per established plant per month until December.

Flowers: Bedding annuals can still be planted now, we are starting to receive more color! Gerbera Daisies and geraniums, are blooming like crazy!

Vegetables: It's now a little late to start planting seeds for winter vegetables. We still have some transplants for lettuce and veggie greens. Bunches of sweet onions just arrived! Start



checking your vegetables in the ground now, broccoli and cauliflower should be ready to harvest, carrots as well. You can start using mild fertilizers to help prepare the soil for the big transition from winter to spring.

When visiting our nursery, check in on your smart phone or write a recommendation, show an associate and receive 5% off your entire purchase!
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Fertilize your citrus with the best!

We carry the best fertilizers for plants here in the desert. The best fertilizer for citrus in the is the Ferti-lome Fruit, Citrus, and Pecan Tree Food. Ferti-lome products are specially formulated for our alkaline soils so they do not cause burning.

Citrus will need to be fertilized 3 times a year to avoid using too much. Valentines Day, Memorial Day, and Labor Day are in ideal times to fertilize. By applying only three times a year this allows the product to completely dissolve in the soil and give the plant all the necessary nutrients before applying again.

Ferti-lome is very easy to apply. Just one pound per inch of truck diameter and sprinkle all around the full root zone and canopy of the citrus trees in the ground.



Then work into the top part of the soil and water down. The time release will allow the tree to take up what it needs when it needs it.

We also carry Dr. Earth Organic fertilizer for in the ground. Potted citrus we recommend Maxsea acid water soluble fertilizer on a monthly basis.



Color of the month: Pink



Falling in love Rose



Geraniums



Pam's Pink



Pink Flamingo



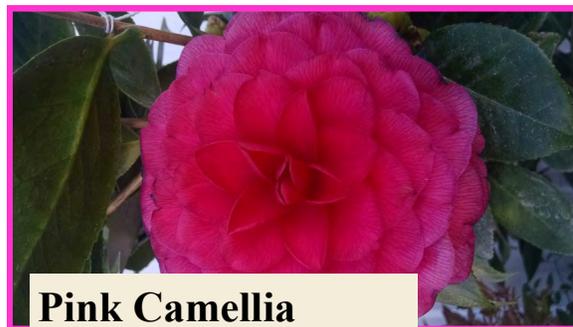
Gift ideas



**Variegated Pink
Lemon**



Pink Fringe flower



Pink Camellia

Color of the month plant Profile: Variegated pink lemon

I have a variegated pink lemon tree in a pot on my balcony and I love it to pieces. The foliage is striking with pink tints to the new growth!

Size: Up to 15 feet tall and 8 feet wide

Blooms: Light pink to white blooms

Exposure: Full sun

Minimum Temperature: 25-32 degrees, Most tender of all citrus, will need covering or if in a pot brought in during hard freezes.

Water: High

Pruning: Light, dead branches cut out

Growth: Moderate to fast

Fertilizer: I use Maxsea Acid monthly, or Ferti-lome 3 times a year.



Pam's Pink honeysuckle

This evergreen twining shrub has waxy blue-green foliage and lightly scented pink blossoms, great desert plant that is resistant to powdery mildew.

Size: 4-5 feet tall x 6 feet wide

Blooms: Pink

Exposure: Full sun

Minimum Temperature: -20

Water: Moderate

Pruning: Light, shapely

Growth: Moderate to fast

Fertilizer: Fertilome tree and shrub food twice a year, or Maxsea acid monthly.





Staff Picks: Gerbera Daisy

Picked by: Roni B.

These beautiful blooms are perfect for any occasion (or for no occasion) and for most regions. It's widely recognized that sending colored Gerbera Daisies represents different emotions, similar to what each rose color means. The best thing? Gerberas are easy to care for, whether in a vase/pot inside, or planted/potted outside.

Primary Significance:
The fifth most popular flower in the world, Gerbera daisies can mean innocence, purity, and cheerfulness. These large daisy variations come in a number of vibrant colors, and sending them is the perfect way to brighten someone's day.



The sheer multitude of available colors has helped the Gerbera daisy become a favorite choice for many different occasions from birthdays, get well, congratulations, thank you and many more. There are

many types of flowers which can help to express our thoughts and feelings for our loved ones, but the Gerbera daisy and its meaning stand out as one of the most distinctly bright and merry

Rillito Nursery & Garden Center has been serving Tucson since 1994. We are a family owned and operated business striving to provide the ultimate nursery experience and customer service. We supply the healthiest plants and highest quality garden necessities. Spread out over three acres, we supply a wide arrangement of annuals, shade plants, desert plants, roses, citrus, trees and shrubs.

Recipe from the garden: Grapefruit Margaritas

This recipe came from a customer, Phil and Vicki B, when they came in to bring their extra citrus to the food bank drop off event.

Ingredients:

3 cups grapefruit juice
1 cup tequila of choice
1/2 cup triple sec
1/2 cup orange juice, unsweetened
1/4 cup fresh lemon or lime juice
2 tablespoons sugar

Frost the rim of the glass with 50/50 blend of sugar and salt

Put all ingredients into the blender, add ice to taste and purpose: more ice=blended; less ice=on the rocks.

Great relief for a hot afternoon!

