

Fall will be here soon...

Well August is here, I don't know about you, but I am ready for fall. The best time for planting here in the desert is fall. The winters are not as harsh on the plants as the summers are, so the plants have a good amount of time to get established and used to their growing conditions before summer hits.

We have had an poor monsoon season so far, but the humidity has kept the plants looking better, just don't forget to keep the irrigation running unless we get long soaking rains over a couple hours. We are coming into the best time of year to be planting if you have trees or plants to replace after this summer.

We do offer delivery and

planting of any of the plants that we sell if you are wanting a larger size and do not have the capabilities to transport it home!



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August Garden Checklist

Trees/ Shrubs: Keep trees and shrubs well watered giving them a deep soak every day to help keep salts from building up around the root ball. Applying mulch around the root ball will help keep roots cooler and slow down the evaporation process. When applying mulch do not build it up against the trunk as that could suffocate the tree and harm it.

Native and heat tolerant plants can still be planted just make sure to keep up on the watering schedule through the heat. They will need to be watered on a regular basis then decrease the frequency in fall.

Help protect newly planted trees from heavy winds and storms by staking.

It is still a good time to plant bougainvillea, tecomas, oleanders, acacias, cassias, mesquites and palo verdes.

Flowers: Water roses deeply twice daily when temperatures are over 100 degrees. Summer flowers such as: vinca, zinnias, angelonia, and pentas can still be planted. Dead heading a couple times a week will help to keep the flowers stimulated to re-bloom. Fertilizer will also help to keep them blooming abundantly.

Vegetables: Second round of tomatoes should start arriving towards the end of the month to have a chance for a small crop before winter. Corn can still be planted by seed. Melons will have another growth spurt, as they continue producing. Now is the time to also prep the

garden for fall and winter crops, by starting seeds for brassicas (cabbage, brussels sprouts, broccoli and cauliflower), and peas.



When visiting our nursery, check in on your smart phone or write a recommendation, show an associate and receive 5% off your plant purchase!

One use only. Some restrictions may apply.



Plan your fall gardens now!

With fall rapidly approaching and the summer gardens beginning to slow down, now is the perfect time to start planning your fall/winter garden. Getting ahead of the curve will help make sure you are stocked and ready for planting by end September. If you see something you want buy it now, soil and seeds will surely last. Brand new 2026 seeds will be ready for sale!

Planting for the fall/winter garden should begin on or around September 15th.

What you can start includes

Brassicas:

- Broccoli
- Brussels Sprouts
- Bok Choy
- Cabbage
- Cauliflower
- Kohlrabi
- Mustard greens

Leafy Greens:

- Leaf lettuce
- Romaine Lettuce
- Buttercrunch
- Lettuce
- Kale
- Mustard Greens
- Micro Greens
- Arugula
- Spinach
- Sorrel
- Chard
- Cilantro
- Collard

Root Crops:

- Carrots
- Radishes
- Parsnips
- Turnips

Beets

Bulbs:

- Garlic
- Onions
- Shallots

Climbers:

Peas

Other:

- Celery
- Potato
- Tomatoes
- Artichoke
- Strawberry



The fall/winter garden is my favorite one to grow, besides the fact its so much cooler and easier on the plants, it produces so well! I make a fresh homegrown salad every night with dinner. If you are just starting to get your feet wet with

gardening the fall/winter garden is the easiest and will sure get you great results using proper soil. I use the Happy Frog Soil Conditioner and have had amazing results!

Bee and bat pollinator garden



Agave



Cereus Bloom



Mesquite



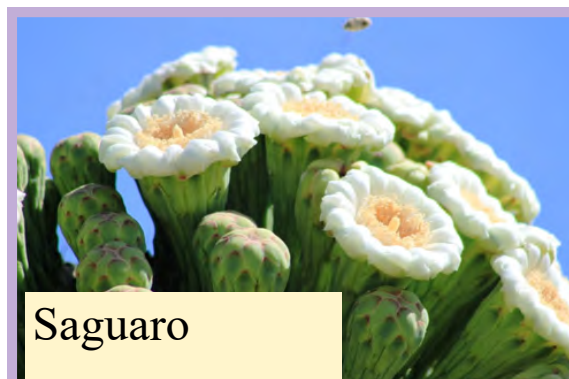
Palo Verde



Ocotillo



Yucca



Saguaro

Plant Profile: Saguaro

Size: (H x W) : 30-40ft tall x 10-12feet wide

Blooms: White

Exposure: Full Sun

Minimum Temperature: 10-15 degrees F

Water: Low

Pruning: None

Growth Rate: Slow

Fertilizer: None



Plant Profile: Mesquite

Size: (H x W) : 20-25'

Blooms: Yellow

Exposure: Full Sun

Minimum Temperature: 10-15 degrees F

Water: Moderate– low

Pruning: Annual thinning before monsoon season winds

Growth Rate: Moderate–fast

Fertilizer: Tree and Shrub food spring and fall.





Staff Picks: Shoestring Acacia

Picked by: Brian

Looking for a drought-tolerant when established, low-maintenance tree with graceful beauty? The Shoestring Acacia might be your perfect match!

Native to Australia and well-suited to arid and semi-arid landscapes, this fast-growing tree thrives in our desert climate. Its long, narrow, ribbon-like leaves give it a unique “weeping willow” look, making it an attractive choice for xeriscaping or water-wise gardens.

Why We Love It:

Tough & Resilient: Handles heat, drought, and poor soils with ease.



Elegant Appearance: Its slender leaves and airy canopy add texture and movement to your garden.

Low Litter: Unlike many trees, it won't leave a big mess—just occasional seed pods.



Wildlife Friendly: Birds love the protective canopy and nectar-producing flowers.

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: Sweet Potato Bread

This recipe comes from Missy Rakes of gracefullittlehoneybee.com

Ingredients:

3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup oil
2 eggs
1 cup mashed sweet potatoes
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 tsp nutmeg
1 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp baking soda
1 3/4 cup flour

Directions:

1. In a medium bowl mix nutmeg, cinnamon, salt, baking soda and flour.
2. In a separate bowl, mix sugar, oil, eggs, sweet potatoes, and vanilla.
3. Add wet ingredients to the dry and mix until just combined. It will be thick.
4. Por into greased loaf pan and bake for 1 hour at 350 or until knife comes out clean.

