

Happy Fourth of July! 250th!!

Our Newsletter will look a bit different now. I used to create our newsletter with Publisher, now that Publisher is being discontinued and will no longer be available starting in October I have had to start working with other programs to create the newsletter. Our newsletter will also be shortened to 1-2 pages with relevant information for the current month. Additional content can be found on our Facebook and Instagram profiles. Thank you for your patience!

Monsoon season is here, newly planted shade trees should be staked to protect against the high winds, also keep in mind that a flash flood doesn't mean the plant got a decent watering, unless we have a nice soaking rain for a couple of hours don't turn the irrigation systems off.

If you haven't done it yet, I would recommend lightly thinning out large shade trees, especially mesquites and palo verdes. With heavy winds that come from monsoons they can easily be blown over if they are not pruned properly every year!



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Do not count on the rain to water your plants. Keep the irrigation system on unless we get a long soaking rain storm lasting all day.

Trees/Shrubs: Pick early maturing deciduous fruit which are particularly prone to bird damage. You can help deter birds with Scare tape, a reflective ribbon that will flash and make noise in the wind.

Prune palms when flower spathes show or delay pruning until after the palm has finished flowering.

July is a good time to plant desert shrubs like: red bird of paradise, fairy duster, and texas ranger. Rangers will start to bloom now as our humidity continues to rise. Shrubs and vines such as bougainvillea also may be planted. Be sure to keep all new plantings well watered. Protect newly transplanted trees from heavy wind storms by staking.

Flowers: Water roses deeply and often as temperatures rise. Water deeply both before and after applying fertilizer to prevent any burning. Hose off roses, plumerias, and adeniums in the early morning to help increase humidity to control spider mites.

Flowers for full sun color include: gazanias, portulaca, pentas, vinca, zinnias, gomphrena, and angelonia.

Vegetables: Tomatoes won't do well when the temperature is over 100 degrees, but they will come back for a small crop in fall. For now just keep them protected from the sun under a porch or somewhere it will get most day shade and a lot of water!

Starts and seeds for cucumbers, melons,

pumpkins and winter squash can be planted now.

Putting a thin layer of mulch on top of your soil will help garden beds retain moisture and keep it cooler. As your melons ripen place a board beneath them to help keep moisture from rotting that side and prevent insects from attacking.

