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Desert Garden Calendar Monthly **DO** List **SEPTEMBER**

Grass

If you plan to over-seed your Bermuda, stop fertilizing. You'll be overseeding next month.

If you are NOT planting a winter lawn, keep regular fertilization.

Trees/Shrubs

Continue to deep water on the summer schedule.

You may begin planting trees and shrubs from containers. Soil temperatures are still warm enough to help roots establish quickly. After planting, water deeply. Dig a planting hole about three times the diameter of the root ball and no deeper.

Fertilize citrus trees early in the month.

Flowers

Prepare flowerbeds just as you would the vegetable plots.

Hose off the rose leaves 1 - 2 times a week to remove dust, spider mites and potential white flies.

Water roses about every three days and apply about five gallons of water to each plant.

Prune dead canes and weak top growth, but no heavy pruning.

Some bulbs like tulips and hyacinths need to be chilled in a paper sack in the vegetable drawer of your refrigerator for four to six weeks or they won't bloom.

Vegetables

The most important step to achieving a successful garden in the Valley is soil preparation.

Spade the garden beds to a depth of 8 - 12 inches, turn the soil over, break up clods.

As temperatures drop below 100 degrees, seed of cool season crops can be planted.

These veggies can be directly seeded in the garden later in the month:

beets, celery, carrots, chard, endive, peas, green onions, parsnips, lettuce, snap beans, bok choy, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, collard greens, cucumbers, kale, lettuce, leeks, mustard, radishes, spinach, turnips

You can put in transplants of tomatoes, lettuce strawberries, onions, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, chard, lettuce (head & leaf).

Monthly **DON'T** list for September

When fertilizing citrus, **Don't** sprinkle the fertilizer next to the trunk, since the roots won't get the benefit there. Fertilize the outer 2/3 of the root area.

Don't over water after transplanting trees and shrubs.

Too much water can drown and rot the roots.