



Note: all watering recommendations are for drip & Ttape irrigation systems @ a rate of 1 gal/hour.

Lawns & Grasses:

- Bermuda lawns will green up; the active growing season is May through September.
- Mow Bermuda at 1½ –2 inches and the hybrid at 1-1½ inches.
- Maintain fescue at 2-3 inches. Maintain St. Augustine & Dichondra at 2-3½ inches.
- Fertilize with 21-7-14 and acidify with First Step soil acidifier.
- Water 3 times a week for 10-20 minutes.

Fruit:

- Harvest peaches, apricots, citrus and blackberries.
- Cover fruit trees to protect them from birds.
- Thin fruit from apple & pear trees.
- Date palms ripen this month.
- Do not prune citrus and sun-sensitive plants during the summer.

Vegetables & Herbs:

- Plant Armenian cucumbers, melons, eggplant and black-eyed peas.
- Harvest tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, squash and onions.
- Shade tomatoes to help set fruit to ripen. Cover to keep birds off.
- Rosemary, thyme, sage and oregano can still be planted this month.
- Pinch back basil to keep them from flowering & going to seed.
- Water twice a week for 1 ½ - 2 hours on Ttape.

Annuals:

- Plant seeds or transplants of sunflowers, zinnias and marigolds.
- Plant transplants of vinca.
- Pinch back bedding plants for bushy growth.
- Fertilize with Gardener's World Flower Power (15-15-15) once every 60 days.
- Use Great Big Plants once every 60 days throughout the growing season.
- Continue to water twice a week for 2-3 hours on Ttape.

Perennials:

- Plant lantana, gazanias, ruellia, rosemary, etc.
- Continue to deadhead flowering plants.
- Deep water twice a week for 1 ½ - 2 hours on drip.
- Do not prune sun-sensitive plants.

Roses:

- Deep water twice a week for 1 ½ - 2 hours on shrubblers.
- Continue to deadhead spent blooms.
- Spray with Rose Defense to control aphids and spider mites.

Shrubs & Trees:

- Plant acacia, fairy duster, brittlebush, AZ yellow/orange bells, yucca and other desert plants.
- Do not fertilize this month.
- Deep water twice a week for 2 - 3 hours

Maintenance:

- Check all watering systems again.
- Control weeds with a pre-emergent such as Concern, or Amaze.