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“Planning for Planting”

Tips of the Month

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The summer season is winding down in Southern Arizona and that means it's time for fall planting. It may not seem like planting time, but it begins about September 21st—after the temperature drops below 100 degrees. The sun and heat can be a challenge to planting a new garden. Nevertheless, Grandpa Gardener has five simple tips to help your garden brave the desert heat and prevail:

1. Water your plants sufficiently, around the soil so as not to scorch the leaves, keeping in mind water conservation.
2. If necessary, provide shade for plants by covering them with shade cloth from your local garden store.
3. If you are able to relocate plants away from extreme sun exposure, then do so.
4. Grow plants that are adapted and appropriate for the season and your geographic location, preferably native plants.
5. Keep an eye out for garden pests and uninvited critters. Please consult your local garden store as to how protect plants from specific pests and for more information on eco-friendly products.

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