

Learn how to create a healthy, vibrant landscape without the water waste by attending a class hosted at the Avondale City Hall building, 11465 W. Civic Center Drive) unless otherwise noted. Advanced registration is required, as space is limited. Register at eavila@avondale.org or by calling Esmie Avila at 623.333.4422.



2014 FALL LANDSCAPE CLASSES

September 3rd Color Your World

Learn what to plant for an extended blooming season with plants that thrive here in the valley with very little water and effort. 6 to 8:30 PM

September 13th Container Gardening

Class to be held at the Garden Patch Community Garden, 11350 W. Coldwater Springs Blvd.

This class covers every detail of growing plants in containers. From choosing your pot, soil, watering and fertilizing. There will be demonstrations of potting techniques and examples of different containers and soil. 9 to 11 AM

September 17th Vegetable Gardening Part 1- Soils

Take advantage of this timely workshop to get your garden growing in our unique desert environment. Learn the importance and details of soil preparation. 6 to 8:30 PM

September 18th Vegetable Gardening Part 2- Planting seasons

The second day of the vegetable gardening class will cover planting seasons and strategies to overcome the challenges of our environment. 6 to 8:30 PM

September 25th Growing fruits in the desert

From exotic to native fruits this class describes over 20 different types of fruit in detail. Discussion will cover water, fertilizer, pollination, fruit thinning and planting tips. 6 to 8:30 PM

October 1st Landscape Watering by the Numbers

If you're mystified about landscape watering, you're not alone. Watering efficiently is the easiest way to reduce your water bill. You'll discover the importance and details of soil preparation and how to overcome the challenges of our environment. 6 to 8:30 PM

October 9th Irrigation System Troubleshooting and Repair

Avoid costly professional repairs and irrigation nightmares! If you already have an irrigation system and want to learn how it works, how to take care of it or make simple repairs, this program is for you. 6 to 8:30 PM

October 15th Pruning Basics

Trees and shrubs are the most important living elements of your landscape. Learn the what, why and how of pruning your plants to maintain their health and growth. 6 to 8:30 PM



October 16th Introduction to Xeriscape

It's possible to create beautiful, inviting landscapes with plants native to our own "back yard." Learn how to use wonderful natives to design a low maintenance and water-thrifty garden. 6 to 8:30 PM

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October 25th Importance of Companion Planting

Class to be held at the Garden Patch Community Garden, 11350 W. Coldwater Springs Blvd.

Companion planting in gardening is the planting of different crops in proximity for pest control, pollination, providing habitat for beneficial creatures, maximizing use of space, and to otherwise increase crop productivity. 9 to 11 AM

October 29th Wildflowers for your Desert Garden

Do you enjoy the beautiful landscapes of wildflowers in the spring? Now is the time to start sowing seeds for that spectacular show of spring flowers. 6 to 8:30 PM

November 1st Tree and Shrub Care

Class to be held at the Garden Patch Community Garden, 11350 W. Coldwater Springs Blvd.

Learn the ins and outs of selecting, planting, and maintaining structurally beautiful trees and shrubs. Avoid the hazards associated with improper pruning practices. 9 to 11 AM

November 6th The Dirt on Compost

Compost is the black gold essential to successful gardening with many herbs and vegetables. Discover how easy it is to produce your own magical soil amendment and save space in our landfills. 6 to 8:30 PM

November 13th Desert Plant Care

Are you frustrated with your landscape? You're not alone. Many of us are unsure how to grow plants in the low desert's alkaline soil and challenging climate. Come learn what plants need to flourish here and how to keep them happy and healthy including; fertilizing and controlling weeds, pests and diseases. 6 to 8:30 PM