

Now is the Time to Add Colorful Plants, Limit Water Use

If you want to add landscape color and keep your water use low, now is the time to get started. September through April is an ideal planting time because it provides an opportunity for roots to grow throughout the cooler months, allowing plants to get established. And there are plenty of plants to choose from that are water wise. That's important since two-thirds of household water use takes place outdoors.

Keep water use low and have a colorful yard with these resources from Glendale's Water Conservation Program:

Landscape Plants for the Arizona Desert: A Guide to Growing Plants. More Than 200 Low-Water-Use Plants – This colorful brochure has information on more than 200 low-water-use trees, shrubs, groundcovers, vines and accents.

Xeriscape: Landscaping with Style in the Arizona Desert – A step-by-step guide for planting, installing and caring for low-water use landscapes. Several colorful pages with many different ideas and examples of Xeriscapes.

Order the above free materials online at glendaleaz.com/waterconservation/brochures.cfm or visit amwua.org/conservation.

Another helpful resource – ***Water-Smart Landscape Guide*** – is an on-line interactive guide that can help homeowners complete their renovation plans and get ideas from the hundreds of Glendale-area garden pictures. The guide can be found at glendaleaz.watersavingplants.com.
INFO: 623-930-3596



2011 Household Hazardous Waste Pickup

Dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste products by scheduling an at-home pickup between September 26 and October 21. The actual collections will be handled October 17 through November 4. Call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 to make your appointment. Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and wood stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, motor oil and filters, car batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals and household cleaners.

Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes. There is a 20-gallon limit on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than 5 gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents. For complete details, visit glendaleaz.com/sanitation and click on "hazardous materials."

Shred It & Forget It!

The Glendale Police Community Action Team wants you to know that shredding old and unwanted documents has become a vital part of protecting yourself from data and identity theft.

Join us Saturday, October 1, at the Target parking lot at 43rd and Peoria avenues. Each household can bring up to five boxes of personal documents to be shredded on site. This free service is from 8 - 11 a.m., is on a first-come, first-served basis and will end when the disposal trucks are full. INFO: 623-930-2571 or glendaleaz.com/police.

Teddy Bear Day in Historic Downtown

Join us in Downtown Glendale on Saturday, September 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. as we celebrate National Teddy Bear Day. Have fun with friends, family and your favorite furry bears as you enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts, beary special treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale. Begin at the Glendale Visitor Center and pick up your map, coupons and gift bag (for the first 500 visitors) and take a spin on our prize wheel. Visit boutique stores, specialty shops, and downtown eateries for special offers

and discounts. Al the Bear will be stopping by as well. This loveable, huggable bear will delight the young and young-at-heart! Be sure to bring your camera to get a picture with this beary special guest!

Additionally, the Visitor Center will be accepting new and gently hugged teddy bears to benefit the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program, the Glendale Crisis Response Team and United Way. INFO: 623-930-4500 or visitglendale.com



A Message from Vice Mayor Steve Frate *Back to School Safety Tips*

Everyone knows me as an advocate for water safety, but as excited students begin the

new school year, it is important for families to take a few minutes to discuss back to school safety. The Glendale Police Department provides the following tips for the thousands of students who travel back and forth to school each day.

Students

- Have a primary and safe secondary route to and from school – in view of the neighborhood.
- Walk or ride in groups.
- Wear reflective or bright colored clothing to increase visibility.
- Wear the appropriate bicycle or skateboard safety equipment.
- Pay attention to your surroundings.
- If a stranger approaches, do not stop or talk. Go as fast as you can to a safe place and tell an adult.

Students Who Ride School Bus

- Arrive at the bus stop early, stay out of the street, and wait for the bus to come to a complete stop.
- Before entering or exiting the bus, wait for the signal from the bus driver.
- Do not bend down in front of the bus to tie shoes or pick up objects, as the driver may not see you.

Drivers

- Be vigilant, especially in school zones, near bus stops, and while backing out of driveways.
- Use all visible angles when traveling through a school zone.
- Avoid any distractions.
- ALWAYS be prepared to stop.

Please take the necessary measures to keep children safe. And I cannot complete this column without reminding readers of the need to think about water safety all year round. So remember to “always watch those little ones around water.”

2011 Arizona Cardinals/NFL PUNT, PASS & KICK

This free skills competition for boys and girls offers four separate age divisions where participants compete against each other in punting, passing and placekicking. Competitions will be held Tuesday, September 13 at the Foothills Sport Complex Fields 1 & 2 (57th Avenue north of Union Hills Drive) and Thursday, September 22 at the Youth Sports Complex (91st Avenue & Bethany Home Road).

Registration begins at 5 p.m., the competition at 6 p.m. Winners will advance to the sectional competition, Sunday, October 16. The top four first place finishers in each age bracket from the pool of sectional competition champions will advance to the Team Championships at University of Phoenix Stadium to be held during the regular season home game on December 4. INFO: 623-930-2841

Small Stars Youth Sports Clinics

These 5-week, 10-date sports clinics for boys and girls ages 4 to 7, focus on fundamentals, practice skill drills and more! They are presented by Glendale Parks and Recreation as an introduction to sports. One clinic offers soccer, track and field and flag football. The other clinic offers soccer, t-ball and basketball.

The clinics are held Tuesdays and Thursdays, September 13 – October 13 at either 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. or 6:45 - 7:45 p.m. at the Paseo Sports Complex Field 3 (63rd Avenue & Thunderbird Road).

The \$60 fee (Non-resident \$70) includes clinic t-shirt, certificate of completion and participation medal/ribbon. Participants must wear gym shoes (no sandals, boots or open toe shoes). Parent/Guardian must be present during the entire clinic. INFO: 623-930-2834. REGISTRATION: 623-930-2820

Property Taxes – Did You Know?

Did you know Glendale is not raising its primary property tax for fiscal year 2011-2012?

Did you know Glendale’s secondary property tax rate is also not changing? Unlike many other cities, Glendale’s rates in these areas will remain the same.



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For a complete listing of city events, activities and meetings, visit glendaleaz.com/calendar.