



The Green Scene

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**It's almost
time to
winterize.
Call us for
help.**

Go Green!

Vicente Landscaping is committed to protecting our earth's natural resources. Contact us to discuss the following "green" services:

- Rainwater harvesting
- Fertigation systems
- Artificial turf
- Erosion control
- Outdoor water use audits
- Automatic irrigation systems

Fall is the Best Time of the Year to Plant

Most people know that fall is the time of year to plant spring blooming bulbs, but fall is also the ideal time of the year to plant trees, shrubs and perennials.

Even though the weather is getting crisp and your tree or shrub will soon go dormant, the roots will continue to grow as long as the soil is warm. Trees and shrubs planted in the fall will have well-established roots by spring.

Generally, spring-planted

plants grow more slowly than fall-planted plants because the plant must first focus energy toward its root development rather than top growth.

After planting your tree or shrub, you may want use a root stimulator to encourage even stronger root development. Remember to apply a generous layer of mulch around the base of the plant, taking care not to push the mulch all the way up to the trunk. The mulch will help to conserve moisture and will

insulate the soil against sudden temperature swings.



Plant now - when spring arrives, you'll be glad that you did!

Did You Know?

In addition to designing and installing custom landscapes, Vicente Landscaping provides full service landscaping maintenance programs to both residential and commercial properties. Since every landscape is different, maintenance services are tailored to your specific needs. Free yourself from the time-consuming tasks of yard maintenance!

Living Large Outdoors With Hardscape

Adding the right hardscaping elements to your landscape is an excellent way to increase the value of your property while expanding your living space to the outdoors.

In lieu of moving, many homeowners have elected to renovate their properties. Often, a new outdoor room transforms poorly used space to the most popular area of a home. Your outdoor room can be as

simple or elaborate as you like. You may wish to include an outdoor kitchen or spa or



custom water feature. The addition of a fireplace or firepit can extend your outdoor room into a comfortable year-round retreat.

Many of us have chosen to live in the Prescott area because of the beautiful weather and natural features of this area. Why not create an outdoor room to be able to fully enjoy the beauty?



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Waterwise Plant of the Month



Compact Oregon Grape
(*Mahonia Aquifolium Compacta*)
Is a versatile evergreen shrub that resembles true holly but is much sturdier. Yellow blooms appear in the spring, followed by clusters of blue, grape-like berries. New growth has bronzy-red coloring, turning to glossy, deep-green with burgundy colored leaves in the winter. Compact Oregon grape should be planted in full to partial sun and will grow 2 to 3 ft. tall by 3 to 4 ft. wide.

Spotlight on:

Licensed & Insured - What it Means to You

When a company or contractor offers its services, you may notice the notation "licensed and insured". But what does this actually mean to you, the customer?

A "licensed" company has met certain tests, experience requirements and standards to show that it is competent and permitted to conduct business in the state in which the license was issued. An unlicensed contractor could offer to do your project with absolutely no previous experience in the field.

In Arizona, a contractor must be licensed through the Registrar of Contractors to legally perform a job that requires a building permit or when the total project cost is \$1,000 or more.

Unlicensed contractors can and should be reported to the state registrar of contractors.

"Insured" indicates that the company carries insurance to pay for any loss or damage to your property resulting from that company's services. An uninsured contractor may offer you a cheaper price but you will be accepting all of the responsibility if something unforeseen happens.

In the landscape industry, being licensed and insured is a necessity. At Vicente Landscaping, we are often called on to repair or completely redo projects installed by unlicensed contractors. It can be a very expensive lesson to learn.