

The Tucson Garden Handbook

This outstanding 3rd Edition of the *Tucson Garden Handbook* is now available to help our friends in the community become more successful gardeners under the challenging conditions in the greater Tucson area. As we Master Gardeners know, gardening in the low desert is not for the easily discouraged. We have very little rain, poor alkaline soils, and in the summer, extreme heat. On top of those limitations, insects, soil-borne organisms, and critters often complicate our best intentions and efforts. But with the right knowledge, good practices, and support, every gardener can succeed.

In contrast with earlier editions of our handbook, the 3rd Edition is organized around garden topics rather than our Demonstration Gardens, thus providing a more comprehensive approach to desert gardening. And there are new sections:

- Companion Gardening
- Integrated Pest Management, with a list of pests and beneficial insects.
- Managing Your Garden, with new information on working with desert soil, and watering guidance.
- Expanded sections on Flower Gardening and Trees
- Ornamental Grasses are now included.
- References are included in the text.
- Updated Resource and When to Plant Sections

The Handbook is a bargain at \$10, and is available now for purchase at the Cooperative Extension office. Plans are underway to expand our distribution outlets.



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