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ENVIRONMENTAL CONTRACTING INC.

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A PROVEN LEADER

Since 1990, Agave has proven itself as experts in landscape installation, landscape maintenance, and native plant salvage. Agave Environmental Contracting, Inc. has a long-standing reputation for quality workmanship and commitment to service as a leader in the landscape industry in Arizona.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Cherie Morrison

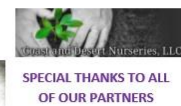
Cherie handles all of Agave's Account Receivables and Monthly Tax reporting. She is also a great help with many of our marketing ideas, attends trade show and will pitch in where ever there is a need. Cherie is an Arizona native and while is not working hard here at Agave, she loves to spend time with her family, hiking and going to football games. She served in the Marine Corps where she drove all kinds of cool trucks. (The picture above shows her driving an Agave Dump truck at our nursery.)

AGAVE FARMS- HARVEST FESTIVAL

October 30, 2015- Agave Farms hosted its 1st Annual Harvest Festival. The 6 hour event was held at Agave's 17 Acre Urban/Community Garden at Central Ave. and Glenrosa. The Agave team hosted over 500 guests with many activities throughout the evening which included face painting, balloon artist, hay rides, facility tours and authentic German food. We would like to thank Jazzola and Georgia Chrome for providing the great musical entertainment throughout the evening.

A special thank you is extended to our community garden partners: Ludwig's Roses, Dream With Colors, Inc. and Harvest for Humanity.

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PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS AND MORE PUMPKINS

In the summer of 2015, Agave planted over 14 varieties of Pumpkins seeds. These varieties totalled almost 10,000 pumpkins plants. Our harvest was quite plentiful and thousands upon thousands of pumpkins have been picked over the last few weeks. With such a successful crop, Agave's President Rob Brown along with Larry Armer delivered over 1,000 pumpkins to Sabis International School and two Boys and Girls Clubs here in the valley.

Soon we will be planting our winter vegetables, which include many varieties of Lettuce plants along with Broccoli and Califlower. Some of these crops will be donated to Harvest for Humanity.



LANDSCAPING TIP OF THE MONTH

Planting fall flowers? Here are a few tips provided from the Arizona Landscape Contractors Association to consider:

- Plant flowers at the appropriate time. If winter flowers are planted too early and temperatures are still in the 90's, they will stress and be more susceptible to disease. Wait until after the first of October to plant beds for best transplant success.
- Closely monitor irrigation with the temperature fluctuations in the fall. Weekly adjustments may be needed as temperature may be in the 90's or in the 60's.
- Limit overhead water from contacting foliage of bedding plants, which could encourage foliar diseases in some plants.
- If disease has been a problem in past seasons, rotate plant varieties for a few years to help reduce disease pressure, or seek out resistant varieties now available from some nurseries.
- Change out planting media (soil) every few years to help prevent build-up of salts and help prevent disease pressure from becoming too great.
- Check for adequate draining under bedding soil. Sometimes soil under the bed may become hard, preventing water drainage out of bed. Saturated soils are a huge invitation for disease infection!
- Have a licensed applicator apply fungicides **only** after a positive pathogen has been identified. Nothing is more frustrating than spending time and money on a treatment only to find out the product did not have activity on the pest wreaking havoc on your flower bed!

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