

# Silverstone Ranch

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## Harvesting Citrus Fruit

The opportunity to grow backyard citrus trees is one of the many benefits of living in the Town of Gilbert. Each year, a harvest of oranges, tangelos and lemons can make life in the desert southwest even sweeter.

### When to Pick Fruit

Knowing when and how to harvest the fruit is an essential part of your landscaping plan. Keep in mind that these are just general guidelines. Citrus tends to get sweeter and juicier the longer it's on the tree.

- **Navel oranges** produce early and fruit is at its best from mid-December through February.
- **Tangerines** are usually ready to harvest from October through December.
- **Tangelos** are ready to harvest from November through March.
- **Grapefruit** are ready to pick from January through May..
- **Lemons and limes** can make the citrus season a year round event. Winter fruit are ready to harvest between November and March. Summer fruit can be picked in September and October.

**Sample the fruit.** Color is not the best indicator of its ripeness as a ripe fruit may still have some green on the peel. Sampling a piece of fruit is the best way to find out if a tree is ready to harvest.

### 2022 Citrus Clinic

There are many ways to increase your harvest while making sure that your trees are ready for another year of growth.

The Maricopa County Master Gardeners will host their 25th Citrus Clinic in a virtual format for 2022. The Citrus Clinic features the foremost state citrus experts, including University of Arizona faculty and noted local professionals. Speakers will present one session per night over five nights on topics to assist backyard citrus growers with selection and care.

**Dates:** January 10th-January 14th

**Start Time:** 7pm

**Ticket Price:** \$15 for ONLINE seminars

**Registration closes** January 6th (Thurs)

Check out *Citrus News* on [Greenfield Citrus Nursery's](http://GreenfieldCitrusNursery.com) website for more information, including registration instructions. ★★★

## Assessments are Due January 1st

As a friendly reminder, the Silverstone Ranch Association semi-annual assessment is due on January 1st and July 1st. **For 2022, the semi-annual assessment amount is \$660.**

**Monthly payment plans available.** To enroll in a payment plan, call (480) 759-4945 or email [silverstoneranch@wearevision.com](mailto:silverstoneranch@wearevision.com). A small monthly service fee may apply. ★★★

## It's Cold in the Desert!

Below freezing temps can spell trouble for some of the popular non-native landscape trees and shrubs in Gilbert, including ficus trees, bougainvillea, and pygmy date palms. These plants may do well throughout most of the year, but they originate in the tropics and can suffer during frost and freeze conditions.

To protect cold sensitive plants, plant them in southern and western exposures. If frost is predicted, cover the canopy of trees and shrubs with a sheet or blanket (not plastic) that extends all the way to the ground. Remove the cover each morning to allow the sun to warm the soil and the plant. Do not prune frost damage off until mid-March. Visit the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension to find more [Tips for Frost Protection](#).

Consider replacing non-native plants with native varieties to eliminate the landscape cleanup in the spring. There are many low-maintenance, low-water-use, desert-adapted plants to choose from. To learn more, check out AMWUA's [Arizona Plant Guide](#). ★★★

## Christmas Decorations though Jan. 17th

Reminder that all Christmas lights and decorations should be removed from view before Monday, January 17th. If you need more time, just email the [community manager](#).

The Town of Gilbert offers free Christmas Tree Drop-Off for Gilbert Residents ONLY.

**Dec. 25th - Jan. 9th, 5:30 am - 10:00 pm:**

- Hetchler Park - 4260 S Greenfield Road
- Nichols Park - 700 N Higley Road

### A-Z Rentals:

- December 27th - January 7th
- 1313 E Baseline Road
- Monday - Saturday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm
- Closed Sundays and January 1, 2022

For more information, please call (480) 503-6000. or e-mail [recycle@gilbertaz.gov](mailto:recycle@gilbertaz.gov). ★★★



## SILVERSTONE RANCH ASSOCIATION

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### \*\*\* PEST CONTROL NOTICE \*\*\*

Pest & Mosquito Control in Common Areas are performed by  
**Carter Weed & Pest Control**  
On the **1st Friday** of each month  
**Next Service Date: Friday, Jan 7, 2022**

### \*\*\* NEXT BOARD MEETING \*\*\*

**Wednesday, January 28, 2021**  
**at 6:30pm**

To sign in visit [www.zoom.us/join](http://www.zoom.us/join)  
Meeting ID and Password available at  
[www.silverstoneranchhoa.org](http://www.silverstoneranchhoa.org)

The Board of Directors typically meets on the **4th Wednesday** of each month.  
Open Session begins at 6:30 pm.  
Meetings will be recorded by the Board.

An Executive Session will be held prior to the Open Session. The Executive Session is a closed meeting pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes §33-1248/§33-1804 (A)(3) & (5).