

Plant Zones

About Us

Red Hills Desert Garden and The Garden at Tonaquint Park are managed by the Washington County Water Conservancy District. Open daily, the gardens serve as educational, social and recreational amenities to the community.

Visit wcwcd.org for a calendar of events and free landscape classes.

The Garden at Tonaquint Park

1851 S. Dixie Dr.
St. George, UT 84770

Red Hills Desert Garden

375 E. Red Hills Pkwy.
St. George, UT 84470



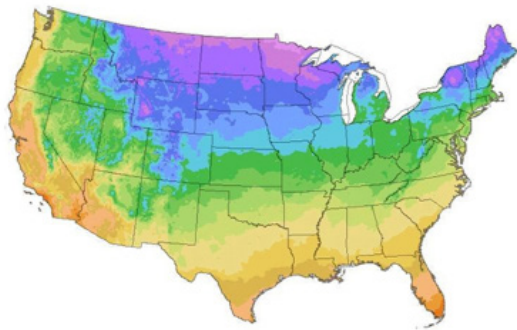
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Selecting the right plant for your climate creates a beautiful, low-maintenance landscape. Fortunately, there are tools to help in the selection process.

Hardiness Zone

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) created the Plant Hardiness Zone Map to show average minimum winter temperatures organized into zones that vary by increments of 10-degrees Fahrenheit. The lower the zone, the colder the winter. Plant information typically lists the lowest zone it can survive in.

To view the USDA's interactive Plant Hardiness Zone map visit: planthardiness.ars.usda.gov



The more densely populated areas of Washington County, UT are in hardiness zone 8. Sometimes a warm winter will be closer to zone 9, while in extremely rare years temperatures can go as low as a zone 7. Several zone 9 plants have been growing in popularity, but homeowners should understand that they are taking a risk with them. Generally, neighborhoods in low elevations near rivers and drainages will be cooler since cold air will settle at the lowest points. Marginally hardy plants are more likely to freeze in these locations. Choosing



plants for the right hardiness zone will minimize the possibility of losing vegetation to frost or freezing temperatures.

Climate Zone

Sunset's Climate Zone Maps consider length of growing season, timing and amount of rainfall, winter lows, summer highs, wind and humidity to determine optimal plant performance.

To learn more about Sunset Climate Zones visit:

sunsetwesterngardencollection.com/climate-zones

Most of Washington County, UT falls in the high desert zone 10 with hot summers, cold winters and up to 300 growing days annually. Elevations range from 3,300 to 5,000 feet.

Communities in the county with higher elevations fall into the warmer-summer intermountain climate zone 2B. This zone has cooler summer and winter temperatures than zone 10 and less growing days at 160 annually.

Washington County Plant Guide

The Washington County Water Conservancy District has prepared a list of plants that thrive in the county. A printable version of the guide is available on wcwcd.org and redhillsdesertgarden.org. Most listed plants are displayed at one of the district's conservation gardens: Red Hills Desert Garden or The Garden at Tonaquint Park.

Community	Hardiness Zone	Sunset Zone	Community	Hardiness Zone	Sunset Zone
Apple Valley	6	(2B)	Pine Valley	5	(A1)
Dammeron Valley	7	(10)	Rockville	7	(10)
Enterprise	5	(2B)	Santa Clara	8	(10)
Gunlock	7	(10)	Springdale	7	(10)
Hildale	6	(2B)	St. George	8	(10)
Hurricane	7	(10)	Toquerville	7	(10)
Ivins	8	(10)	Veyo	6	(10)
La Verkin	7	(10)	Virgin	7	(2B)
Leeds	7	(10)	Washington	8	(10)
New Harmony	6	(2B)			