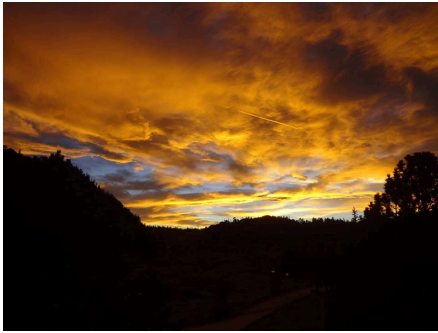


5 Reasons Why Arizona's Fall Is Perfect

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Fall in the Valley of the Sun? It's Oct-abulous!



Just when you think it's time to turn off your patio misters, another hot streak comes bellowing through the Valley of the Sun. Yep, that's September for you. But, that was so last month. Now that October is here, we can officially welcome the fall and enjoy cooler temperatures along with the ability to take our [entertainment epicenter](#) outdoors.

What makes the Valley a spectacular place to experience October? Quite frankly, it's all the things that make those who don't live here, envious:

1. Look mom! No shoes! (We get to go barefoot without burning our feet and without having to wear snowboots)

In the Valley's hot summer months, getting out of the pool, locating your flip flops and heading inside requires a masterful technique. We all know it's in our best interest to don something on our soles or risk scalding our feet on the pool deck. Entertaining during the daytime in October is less about negotiating the path of least burn resistance, and more about enjoying refreshing cocktails while lounging barefoot by the resort-style pool or dipping your toes to maintain ideal body temperatures at your [luxury apartment community](#). In the pool, beside the pool, near the pool. October means you can surrender your shoes and let your bare tootsies have a free for all!

2. Breezy, cool afternoons (AKA, perfect. The perfect weather for eating dinner outside and enjoying every night)

Although those misters are a blessing in the hot summer months, it's still hard to host guests until the sun goes down and the shade eases the singeing of bare skin. You don't have to ask people to come over at 6am or after 9pm so you can sit outside without suffering from heat stroke. The best place to entertain? Outside by a [resort-style pool](#) that you didn't even have to vacuum, under a cabana equipped with high-definition TVs for football-watching and ceiling fans to keep temperatures ideal. In fact, your "hours of operation" just opened up entirely. So, bring it on noon, we've been waiting for you!

3. All things autumn (Everything orange, brown, and cozy. Bring on the Pumpkin Spice Latte, Pumpkin Butter, whicker baskets, and burlap decorations)

Who doesn't love fall decorations?! It's fun to [jazz up your patio](#) with pumpkins, gourds and potted mums. There is no such thing as gorging on gourds. You can further "festivize" by adding all of those fall-scented candles to your patio tables and fill up glass jars with candy corn and tea lights, and best yet, you won't have to worry about your candles turning to soup. Go ahead and give your guests spiked cider and cozy blankets (just say no to wool) to curl up with. Fall for fall!



4. Grilling outdoors (Every. Night.)

October is synonymous with football season. And what's football without grilling? October is the milestone at which whomever is responsible for the grill, actually enjoys the job. It's true. Give it up for football parties, barbecue and beers!

5. Make new friends, but keep the old (They're everywhere! We love snowbirds and finally leaving the house after the summer months!)

All dressed up and nowhere to go? We can take care of that. Step outdoors. Breathe in the crisp fall air. The best part of living in a luxury multifamily community in Arizona are the connections you can make, just by meeting your neighbors. [Mark-Taylor luxury communities](#) are synonymous with building connections, professional and personal. With [social gatherings](#) that span the seasons (even the hot summer!), sponsored by management, you have an opportunity to network during the best part of the year.

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