

# 5 Steps for Winter Care for your Desert Pots

We live in a land of 365 days of sun, and we want our gardens to reflect that. Take these steps to safeguard your potted gardens when the desert gets cold.



## 1. DO

- Watch your long-range forecast
- Know your elevation and micro-climates

## 2. DON'T

- DON'T Cover with plastic or heavy towels or blankets
- DON'T Wait until the last minute to gather your supplies
- DON'T Water cactus or succulents when temperatures fall below 40°

## 3. PLAN AHEAD

- Choose Plants with the best chance of survival
- Combine tender plants in the same containers
- Group pots needing protection together
- Place pots close to the house so covering is easier
- Place larger pots on a dolly to make it easier to move inside, close to the house, or under a ramada or carport

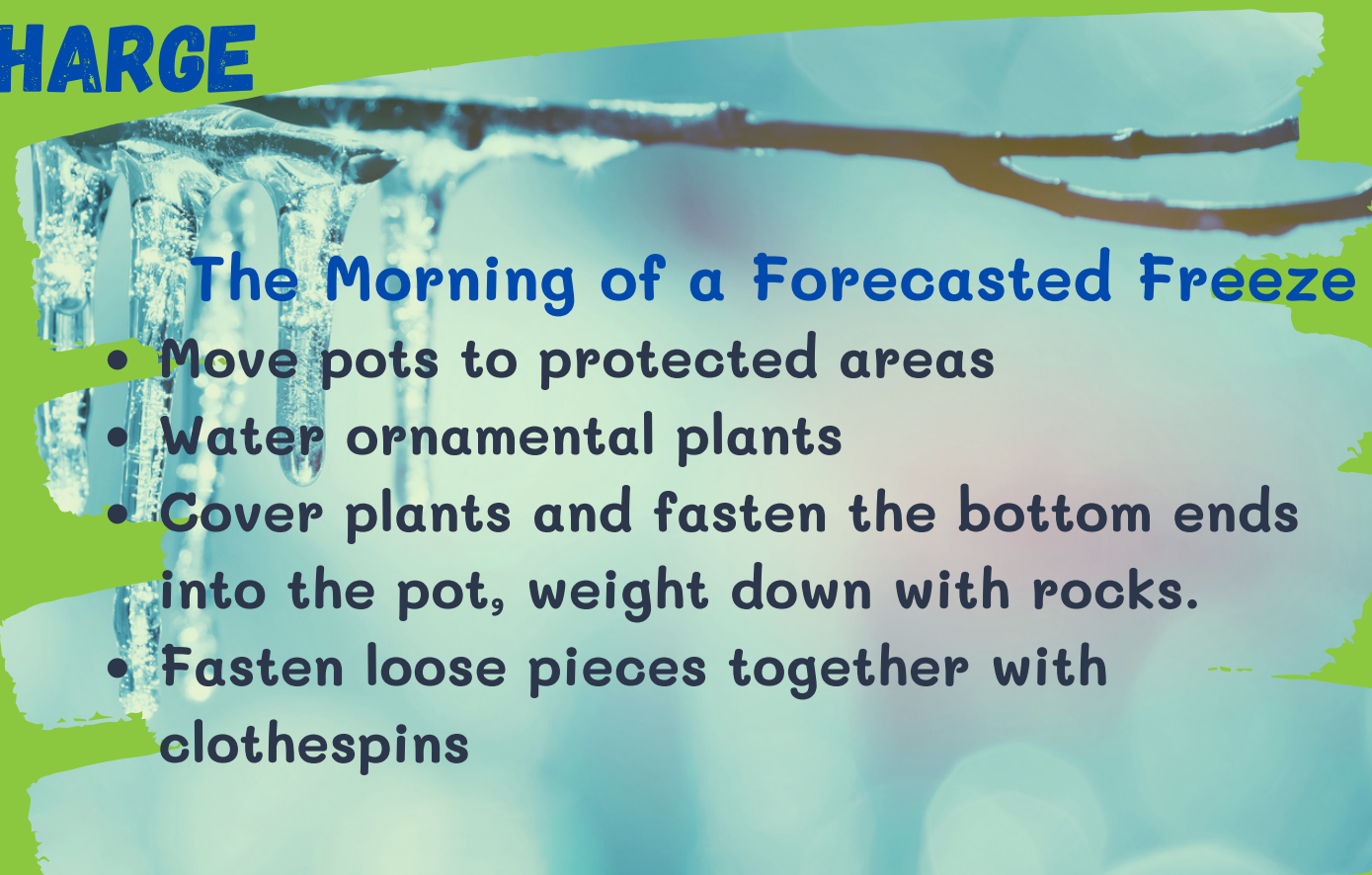
## 4. SHOP BEFORE A FREEZE HITS

- Permanent Markers to label frost cloths
- Frost Cloths
- Clothespins to hold cloth ends secure
- Jumbo Styrofoam Cups for Columnar Cactus

## 5. TAKE CHARGE

### The Morning of a Forecasted Freeze

- Move pots to protected areas
- Water ornamental plants
- Cover plants and fasten the bottom ends into the pot, weight down with rocks.
- Fasten loose pieces together with clothespins



  
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