



Understanding San Antonio Hardiness Zones

San Antonio falls within the hardiness zones of 8 and 9 according to the United States Department of Agriculture Hardiness Zones map that is based on the average, annual, minimal, winter temperatures for regions in the United States.

- Zone 8 ranges from 10° F to 20° F

- Zone 9 ranges from 20°F to 30° F

For successful plant selections for San Antonio, you are safest choosing plants that are listed as being winter hardy in Zone 8, Zone 9.

- Plants chosen with colder hardiness zones might not be able to withstand the heat of our summer temperatures.

- Plants chosen from warmer hardiness zones are more susceptible to cold damage or death by freeze.

Choosing plants with hardiness Zones 8 and 9 doesn't necessarily mean that your plants won't die back to the ground in winter; but it means that they are more likely to come back each year come springtime.

- Mulching plants throughout winter helps to protect their roots and offers a better chance for spring reemergence.

If you just have to have that tropical plant that is not winter hardy for our San Antonio zones, you are best off planting it into a container that you can bring inside once temperatures drop below the recommended hardiness for that plant.

Planting native species is a great way to ensure longevity in your landscape as native plants have been well adapted to our climate, both winter and our extreme summer temperatures.