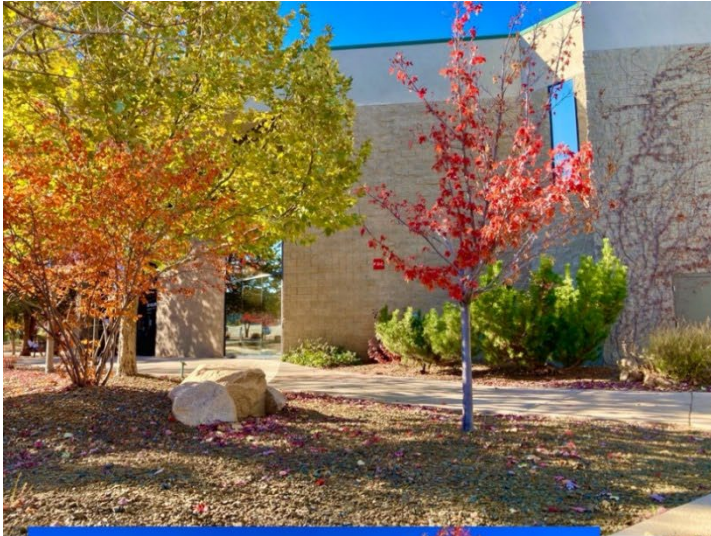


December 2024



Autumn Blaze Maple tree outside of the Art Gallery



Maple leaf in front of the Art Gallery



Smoke & Oak trees hiding behind Kachina Hall



Bradford Pear & Autumn Blaze trees along main drive at Prescott Campus



Sycamore trees at the Family Enrichment Center

Fall is upon us! For the Grounds team that means full parking lots, cold mornings, and lots of questions. The number one question I am asked is “What are those amazing trees along the road called?”. Once the leaves start changing colors these guys get pretty popular and for good reason. The Autumn Blaze Maple has a name that is pretty much right on the nose. Despite all of the arborist negativity surrounding these trees (girdling root, weak limbs, etc.) they do surprisingly well in this area. I personally find their biggest drawback lies in their claim to fame. That bright-shocking fall foliage can become redundant in some small or simple landscapes. Definitely not a problem for us here at YC.



Playing in the ash leaves at the Richard Marcusen Sculpture Garden

Ever wonder what happens to all those leaves?

Well, we donate some of them to the Prescott Community Compost Project, some stay here with us to be blended with our soil piles and the rest get “donated” to the City of Prescott Trash & Recycling department.

With the colder temperatures setting in, the critters are out looking to take advantage of all that YC has to offer. Our biggest fall complaints come from the pests looking for a better life inside our spaces. Public enemy number one this year would be the ground squirrels. Not to be confused with The Grounds Squirrel, which is what I hear everyone calls me when I’m not around. These cuties have caused thousands of dollars in damage to our equipment, vehicles and landscapes. They are quite aggressive and can be carriers of multiple scary diseases. Please help us by not intentionally or inadvertently feeding them. Please avoid any of the traps you may see around campus.



There are a lot of rumors going around about what's been happening at the FEC and I wanted to take a moment to lay them to rest. They are all true... Yup, there is no longer a single blade of thirsty-itchy-soggy grass left in their play yard. This project was a coordinated effort involving several departments and the results are stunning. RE and Son's Landscaping dazzled us with new, clean and safe playground turf. Thanks to all who were part of this project.

Happy Holidays from the YC Grounds Crew!
Sam, Steve, Jonathan, Juan, James B & Nezi



2024 has been a very busy year for Facilities. From January through November our team completed 12,085 work orders! That's an increase of over 1,000 work orders since last year. Work will continue over Winter Break at building 3 with new kitchen flooring and window replacements.

We hope everyone enjoys Winter Break! If you have questions, please email facilities@yc.edu.

Happy Holidays!
Your Facilities Management Team