

# GARDEN SMARTER

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Your guide to a  
garden that thrives  
*all year round.*



# SEASON-PROOF YOUR GARDEN

*Delve into a wealth of seasonal garden advice, tailored to your region and climate, ensuring your garden flourishes year-round.*

Welcome to Garden Deva's guide to year-long gardening! In this ebook, you'll learn how to create a beautiful garden that thrives in every season. But our help doesn't end there. We'll also work with you personally to design a garden that suits your home perfectly. With our expert care, your garden will flourish all year round, bringing joy and beauty to your life. Let's get started on your green journey together!

Enjoy the details, hints and tricks that we have detailed for you in here, and if you want a personalised approach contact us to help you cultivate a garden that reflects your lifestyle and brings beauty to your home every day.

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## DECEMBER GARDENING DELIGHTS

*As the sun blazes and temperatures rise, your garden needs extra care and attention to flourish. It's the perfect time to embark on a gardening adventure filled with vibrant colors and lush foliage. Start by combatting the notorious citrus leaf miner with a clever CLM trap, providing your trees with a nutrient boost through trace elements, and safeguarding delicate plants with Yates Drought Shield.*

Don't forget to indulge in some seed-saving activities, collecting parsley and celery seeds for future planting. And if your cycads are looking a bit worse for wear, a rejuvenating treatment of manganese sulphate mixed with liquid fertilizer will do wonders. As you trim back hedges, roses, and spring flowering shrubs, envision the lush growth that awaits them in the coming months.

For a summer bursting with blooms, ensure your daisies and lavenders are pruned back just right. And when it comes to protecting your precious veggies from the scorching sun, a bit of shade cloth or lace curtains will work wonders. Enhance your soil's moisture retention with worm-friendly wetting agents and keep pesky fruit flies at bay with expert advice.

Take a moment to check on your irrigation system, ensuring it's in perfect working order to keep your garden hydrated throughout the hot days ahead. With these tips in hand, you're ready to embrace the joys of December gardening and create a haven of beauty and abundance in your outdoor oasis.

# TOP TIPS FOR DECEMBER

1

**Combat Citrus Leaf Miner:** Invest in a CLM trap to keep those pesky citrus leaf miners at bay, especially when temperatures soar above 28-30°C.

2

**Seed Saving:** Collect parsley and celery seeds from your plants now to sow in spring or early autumn for a bountiful harvest.

3

**Boost Tree Health:** Apply trace elements to your trees and protect heat-stressed ones with Yates Drought Shield.

4

**Revive Cycads:** Treat brown and frizzled cycad leaves with manganese sulphate mixed with liquid fertilizer for optimal absorption.

5

**Pruning Time:** Trim hedges, roses, and spring flowering shrubs by one-third to promote healthy growth.

6

**Daisy and Lavender Care:** Prune these beauties back by one-half to one-third for a spectacular summer display.

7

**Shade Protection for Veggies:** Shield vegetables from the sun with 40% shade cloth or lace curtains.







## JANUARY GROWTH

***As the summer heat intensifies, it's crucial to provide extra care and protection to your garden. Shield newly planted specimens from the harsh sun with makeshift shades, ensuring they have the best chance to establish themselves without succumbing to heat stress. While you're at it, double-check that your irrigation system is in tip-top shape to keep your garden hydrated and thriving.***

Amidst the gardening chores, don't forget to take time for yourself. Whether it's a leisurely swim, a blissful lounge on your daybed, or immersing yourself in a captivating book, indulge in the joys of summer living amidst your lush greenery.

Keep a watchful eye out for pests like red spider mites and mealybugs, especially on shade plants and roses. A gentle spray followed by natural remedies like EcoNeem or Diatomaceous Earth will help keep them at bay without harming beneficial insects.

Nourish your fruit-bearing plants like mangoes, bananas, and potted citrus with regular doses of liquid fertilizer to support their growth and yield. Encourage lush growth in climbing roses by tying them down horizontally, and promptly remove fading flowers to prevent unwanted seeding. Stay vigilant against citrus pests like scale, treating them promptly with eco-friendly oils while being mindful of temperature constraints. And don't forget to stay cool and comfortable while working in the garden with a handy neck cooler filled with water crystals.

With these tips in mind, you're ready to embrace the joys of January gardening, creating a vibrant and flourishing outdoor haven to enjoy throughout the summer months.

# TOP TIPS FOR JANUARY

- 1 Shade Protection for New Plantings:** Shield newly planted specimens from the scorching sun with shade cloth, nylon curtains, or umbrellas until they're established to prevent heat stress.
- 2 Pest Patrol:** Keep an eye out for red spider mites and mealybugs on shade plants and roses. Give them a gentle spray with the hose and follow up with EcoNeem or Diatomaceous Earth for effective control.
- 3 Take a Break:** Embrace the summer vibes by taking a refreshing swim, lounging on your daybed, or indulging in a good book amidst your garden oasis.
- 4 Reticulation Check:** Ensure your irrigation system is functioning properly to keep your garden hydrated during the hot weather.
- 5 Feeding Time:** Nourish your mangoes, bananas, and potted citrus with liquid fertilizer monthly until March to support healthy growth and fruit development.
- 6 Encourage Lush Growth:** Tie down climbing roses horizontally to stimulate lateral growth and encourage more abundant blooms. Use velcro, pantyhose, or Ezy Ties to avoid damaging the stems.
- 7 Prevent Seeding:** Remove fading agapanthus flowers and any other potentially invasive perennials immediately to prevent them from spreading seeds throughout your garden.







## FEBRUARY TLC

***As the summer sun continues to beat down, it's essential to provide your garden with the care and attention it needs to thrive. Consider investing in shade solutions like market umbrellas or shade sails to create a cool retreat in your alfresco area. Looking ahead, plan to plant deciduous shade trees in the upcoming autumn to provide natural relief from the heat in the years to come***

Take advantage of the warmer weather to give your fruit trees a gentle summer prune, promoting healthy growth and abundant fruit production. Don't forget to tend to your wisteria, pruning back excessive growth to encourage a beautiful display of flowers next spring.

Ease the stress on your plants with occasional seaweed liquid tonics, providing them with essential nutrients and hydration during the hot summer months.

Remember to strike a balance and avoid overdoing it to prevent any adverse effects on plant health.

Stay hydrated and take regular breaks while working in the garden, prioritizing your well-being amidst the summer heat. Keep a close eye on soil moisture levels and weed growth, addressing any issues promptly to maintain a healthy and vibrant garden.

With strategic fertilization, pest control, and forward planning, you'll set the stage for a flourishing garden not only in the summer months but also in the seasons to come. Embrace the joys of February gardening as you nurture your outdoor sanctuary into a thriving oasis of beauty and abundance.

# TOP TIPS FOR FEBRUARY

- 1 Shade Solutions:** Beat the heat by investing in a market umbrella or shade sail for your alfresco area. Consider planting a deciduous shade tree in the upcoming autumn to provide natural relief from the sun's intensity.
- 2 Summer Pruning:** Give your stone fruit, apples, and pears a gentle summer prune to promote healthy growth and fruit production. This alternative to winter pruning helps maintain their shape and vigor.
- 3 Wisteria Care:** Keep your wisteria in check by pruning back long, sappy trailing shoots to 4 or 5 buds from the main stem. This encourages robust flowering next spring, but remember never to prune it in winter if you desire a spring bloom.
- 4 Heat Stress Relief:** Provide relief to heat-stressed plants with occasional doses of seaweed liquid tonic. Ensure not to overdo it, as moderation is key to maintaining plant health during the hot months.
- 5 Stay Hydrated:** Remember to keep yourself hydrated while working in the garden, especially during the scorching summer days. Take regular breaks and drink plenty of water to stay refreshed and energized.
- 6 Monitor Soil Moisture:** Keep a close eye on soil moisture levels, especially in pots and containers, as they tend to dry out quickly in the heat. Water deeply and less frequently to encourage deep root growth and drought tolerance.
- 7 Weed Control:** Stay on top of weeds by regularly inspecting your garden beds and removing any unwanted growth. Mulching can also help suppress weed growth while conserving soil moisture.





A top-down view of a dirt path in a garden. The path is flanked by various plants, including green foliage on the left and dark purple and silver plants on the right. There are many fallen brown and yellow leaves scattered on the path. The text 'CHAPTER 02 autumn' is overlaid on the path.

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## MARCH REBIRTH

*As the days grow shorter and the air takes on a crisper edge, March marks the transition into autumn, offering a fresh perspective on gardening in the Southern Hemisphere. It's a time of gentle change and preparation, where the vibrant hues of summer begin to mellow, and the earth prepares for a season of rest. Despite the cooling temperatures, March presents an opportunity to breathe new life into your garden, setting the stage for a season of color and abundance. Let's explore the essential tasks and tips to ensure your March gardening endeavors thrive amidst the autumnal embrace.*

As you immerse yourself in the gentle rhythms of autumn gardening, embrace the opportunity to connect with the changing landscape and cultivate your sanctuary amidst the falling leaves.

From the earthy scent of freshly turned soil to the vibrant colors of autumn foliage, each moment offers a chance to witness the beauty of transition and renewal. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or a novice enthusiast, let the spirit of the season guide your hands as you nurture and cultivate your slice of paradise.

With each task performed and each seed planted, you contribute to the timeless cycle of growth and change, enriching both your garden and your spirit. So, step outside, breathe in the crisp autumn air, and embrace the wonders of March gardening as you embark on a journey of discovery and delight in the autumn garden.

# TOP TIPS FOR MARCH

- 1 Soil Revitalization:** Amp up soil in areas that have been depleted after summer, especially in vegetable beds. Use a combination of clay-based products like Soil Solver or Charlie Charcoal, along with compost, worm poo, or bought soil conditioner. Rotate your vegetable crops to avoid pests and soil depletion.
- 2 Planting Palette:** March is prime time for planting a variety of vegetables including broccoli, broad beans, beetroot, cabbage, carrots, and more. Liquid fertilize them fortnightly to ensure healthy growth and bountiful harvests.
- 3 Garlic Growing:** Plant garlic sourced from organic green grocers, avoiding Chinese varieties for optimal results.
- 4 Perennial Pruning:** Cut shasta daisies and kangaroo paws to the ground, and give summer flowering perennials like salvias and geraniums a half-trim. Dividing daylilies and other clumping plants is easy—just use a pitchfork or spade to separate them into smaller clumps.
- 5 Plant Nutrition:** Keep your shrubs and citrus trees happy with an organic fertilizer like Seamungus or Searles KICKALONG Fruit And Flower. After applying, top them off with a layer of compost and a chunky mulch. Remember to water well before and after feeding to prevent root burn.
- 6 Plant Nutrition:** Keep your shrubs and citrus trees happy with an organic fertilizer like Seamungus or Searles KICKALONG Fruit And Flower. After applying, top them off with a layer of compost and a chunky mulch. Remember to water well before and after feeding to prevent root burn.
- 7 Citrus Care:** Protect your citrus trees from citrus leaf miner by spraying them with a mixture of Eco Oil and EcoNeem, or set up a few CLM traps. Your citrus will thank you for it!







## APRIL'S GARDENING ADVENTURES

*As April gently ushers in the crispness of autumn, the garden transforms into a canvas of golden hues and earthy fragrances. It's a time of transition and anticipation, where the earth prepares for a season of rest while still offering opportunities for growth and renewal. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just beginning your journey, April beckons with promises of gardening adventures amidst the autumnal landscape. Let's embrace the beauty of April gardening and uncover the essential tasks to ensure your garden thrives with vitality and grace in the cooler months ahead.*

As you delve into the joys of April gardening, savor each moment as an opportunity to connect with the rhythms of nature and nurture your garden sanctuary

. Take leisurely walks through open gardens, drawing inspiration from the beauty and creativity that surrounds you. Whether you're planting seeds, pruning hedges, or simply basking in the tranquility of your outdoor oasis, let the spirit of the season guide your hands and fill your heart with gratitude. With each task accomplished and each plant tended, you contribute to the ever-evolving tapestry of life, enriching both your surroundings and your soul.

So, venture forth into the garden with a sense of wonder and appreciation, and behold as April unveils its autumnal delights before your eyes.





# TOP TIPS FOR APRIL

- 1 Fertilize for Flourishing:** Liquid fertilize your annuals and vegetables regularly, providing them with the nutrients they need to thrive. Remember, it's better to fertilize weakly but consistently, ensuring a steady supply of nourishment for your plants.
- 2 Maintain Your Sanctuary:** Take the time to clean out gutters leading to rainwater tanks, ensuring they remain free of debris and functioning optimally. Consider installing gutter guards to simplify maintenance and keep your water collection system efficient.
- 3 Hedge Pruning:** Give your hedge plants some TLC by pruning them back to promote healthy growth and maintain their shape. Investing in good quality electric hedge clippers can make this task easier and more efficient.
- 4 Verge Gardening:** Transform your verge into a verdant oasis by planting vegetables or local native plants. Before you begin, check local council regulations to ensure compliance with any guidelines or restrictions.
- 5 Herb Planting:** Seize the cool weather to plant coriander, taking advantage of ideal growing conditions before the heat sets in. Position your coriander in a sunny or semi-shaded spot and freeze any excess for future culinary delights.
- 6 Bulb Bonanza:** It's time to plant those bulbs you stored in the fridge, along with additions like bluebells, jonquils, and hippeastrums. Embrace the beauty of spring blooms by adding these bulbs to your garden beds or containers.
- 7 Mediterranean Marvels:** Introduce Mediterranean or temperate shrubs and trees to your garden, adding a touch of exotic flair and resilience to your landscape.





## THE BEAUTY OF MAY GARDENING

*As May gracefully unfolds, it ushers in the tranquil beauty of autumn, inviting us to embrace the changing colors and gentle rhythms of the season in the garden. It's a time of reflection and rejuvenation, where nature's palette transforms, and the air carries a hint of earthy warmth. Amidst the rustling leaves and crisp mornings, May offers a canvas for gardeners to cultivate and nurture their outdoor sanctuaries.*

Let's embark on a journey into the enchanting world of May gardening, where each task becomes a symphony of colors and textures, enriching our souls and soothing our spirits.

As you immerse yourself in the wonders of May gardening, take a moment to appreciate the beauty and serenity that surrounds you. Whether you're planting strawberries, crafting floral arrangements, or simply enjoying the crisp air and rustling leaves, let each moment be a celebration of nature's abundance.

May your garden be a sanctuary of peace and renewal, a place where the beauty of autumn unfolds with each passing day. With gratitude and wonder, embrace the joys of May gardening, and watch as your outdoor oasis flourishes with the colors and textures of the season.

# TOP TIPS FOR MAY

- 1 Strawberry Season:** Embrace the autumn planting season by setting out your strawberry beds, opting for natural mulching materials like straw to provide insulation and moisture retention for your plants. Keep them well-fed and hydrated for a plentiful harvest of juicy berries.
- 2 Shrub Transplanting:** Take advantage of the cooler temperatures to transplant shrubs, allowing them to establish roots before the onset of summer heat. However, postpone moving tropical plants until spring, ensuring they thrive in their new surroundings.
- 3 Canna Care:** Trim back old canna stems to the ground, rejuvenating the plant's appearance while repurposing seed pod stems for striking floral arrangements indoors, adding a touch of natural elegance to your home decor.
- 4 Houseplant Hydration:** Adjust watering schedules for houseplants as the weather cools, reducing frequency but remaining attentive to plants sheltered under eaves, which may still require regular watering to thrive.
- 5 Leafy Cleanup:** Gather fallen autumn leaves and incorporate them into your compost or mulch to enrich garden beds, embracing the cycle of nature's bounty as leaves transform into nourishment for your plants.

**6 Callistemon Pruning:** Lightly prune callistemons after flowering, removing old seed head branches to stimulate fresh growth and maintain the plant's vigor through the autumn months.

**7 Fortnightly Feeding:** Ensure the health and vitality of your garden by liquid fertilizing annuals and vegetables every fortnight, providing them with essential nutrients for robust growth and abundant blooms throughout the season.





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## JOYS OF JUNE GARDENING

***As Australia's winter descends upon us, the garden undergoes a subtle transformation, exchanging the vibrant hues of summer for the serene beauty of cooler months. In June, amidst the gentle whispers of eucalyptus leaves and the crisp morning air, our gardens become havens of tranquility and reflection.***

As we embrace the nuances of Australia's winter garden, we discover a world alive with possibilities and hidden treasures waiting to be unearthed. From the golden embrace of composted autumn leaves to the tender care of newly planted vegetables, every task invites us to engage with the unique rhythms of our southern hemisphere landscape.

Join us on a journey through Australia's winter garden wonderland, where the song of kookaburras and the rustle of native grasses create a symphony of natural harmony. Here, amidst the gum trees and wattle blooms, we find solace and inspiration, nurturing the seeds of our dreams and celebrating the beauty of the land we call home.

# TOP TIPS FOR JUNE

- 1 Embrace the Gold:** Transform fallen autumn leaves into compost or enrich your worm farm with their valuable nutrients. These golden treasures are essential for maintaining healthy soil and promoting robust plant growth.
- 2 Plant Everlastings:** Extend the beauty of your garden by planting everlastings. Opt for in situ planting to bestow your garden with their vibrant hues, but be sure to protect them from the relentless snail invaders.
- 3 Protect Your Trees:** Safeguard deciduous stone fruit trees from fungal infections by spraying them with copper. Ensure the spray is applied after leaf fall and prior to bud burst to prevent diseases like curly leaf.
- 4 Welcome Deciduous Trees:** Enhance your landscape with the addition of deciduous trees. Explore the stunning varieties available from Flemings, but remember to choose trees suitable for your local climate.
- 5 Revive Pot Plants:** Revitalize outdoor pot plants by inspecting their roots for signs of rot. Prune affected roots, repot, and promote airflow through drainage holes to rejuvenate your cherished greenery.
- 6 Conquer Weeds:** Wage war on weeds by hand weeding your garden. Utilize weed-infested greens for composting, but be cautious of seed heads. Remember, little and often weeding prevents overwhelming gluts.
- 7 Plant Winter Vegetables:** Take advantage of the season by planting a variety of winter vegetables, including mustard greens, asparagus, and kale. Foster regular growth by planting crops fortnightly, ensuring a continuous harvest.







## JOYS OF JULY GARDENING

*As July unfolds, the winter garden beckons with a quiet elegance, inviting us to immerse ourselves in its serene beauty. In the crisp air of the Australian winter, our gardens become sanctuaries of reflection and renewal, where every leaf and blossom tells a story of resilience and grace. From the delicate tendrils of sweet peas to the majestic boughs of deciduous trees, the garden whispers tales of growth and transformation, reminding us of the timeless dance of nature.*

Amidst the gentle rustle of leaves and the occasional chirp of a distant bird, we embark on a journey of discovery through the winter garden landscape.

Here, amidst the earthy scent of rain-kissed soil and the soft caress of cool breezes, we find solace and inspiration in the quiet majesty of nature. With each step, we uncover hidden treasures—the vibrant hues of blooming flowers, the delicate dance of sunlight on dew-kissed petals—each moment a testament to the wonder and beauty of the natural world.

In the heart of the winter garden, we find ourselves called to action, our hands eager to nurture and tend to the earth's fragile tapestry. With care and intention, we train sweet peas to climb and pets to find warmth, ensuring the garden thrives even in the chill of winter's embrace. As rainwater tanks collect nature's bounty and caterpillars are gently removed, we become stewards of the land, guardians of its delicate balance. With each task performed, we honor the timeless rhythm of the seasons, embracing the symphony of life that echoes through the winter garden.

# TOP TIPS FOR JULY

- 1 **Train Climbers for Abundant Blooms:** Sweet peas and other climbing plants thrive when trained horizontally, encouraging more prolific flowering. Utilize plant-friendly ties like Ezi-ties for gentle support, ensuring a stunning display of blooms to brighten the winter garden.
- 2 **Protect Pets and Indoor Plants:** Shield furry friends and delicate indoor plants from chilly winds during cold winter nights. Provide cozy shelters or move potted plants to sheltered areas, safeguarding them from the harsh elements and ensuring their well-being throughout the season.
- 3 **Harness Nature's Bounty with Rainwater Tanks:** Install a rainwater tank to capture and store nature's gift, allowing you to make the most of winter rains. Embrace sustainable water practices by utilizing collected rainwater for garden irrigation, reducing reliance on mains water and minimizing environmental impact.
- 4 **Combat Caterpillars with Organic Remedies:** Keep a vigilant eye out for caterpillars, which can wreak havoc on tender foliage. Handpick them off plants or employ organic remedies like a solution of molasses and water, Dipel, or Diatomaceous Earth to deter and control infestations, ensuring the health and vitality of your garden.
- 5 **Stagger Vegetable Planting for Continuous Harvest:** Maintain a balanced succession of crops by staggering vegetable planting throughout the winter months. Planting in intervals ensures a steady supply of fresh produce, minimizing gluts and maximizing the yield from your garden beds.
- 6 **Plant Seed Potatoes for Winter Delights:** Sow seed potatoes in trenches or tubs for a bountiful winter harvest. Allow them to sprout in a dark place before planting, then watch as they thrive in the cool winter soil, promising a delicious crop to enjoy in the months ahead.
- 7 **Prune and Protect Fruit Trees:** Prune deciduous fruit trees to remove diseased or crossed branches, promoting healthy growth and abundant fruiting. Apply protective oils like EcoGrowth's Eco Oil mid-late July to smother mites and scale, safeguarding trees from pests and fungal infections during the winter months.





## AUGUST'S GARDEN DELIGHTS

*As the final whispers of winter dissipate and hints of spring loom on the horizon, August stands as a pivotal moment in the gardener's calendar. It's a time when nature, in its subtle dance of renewal, beckons us to the soil, promising the emergence of new life and the vibrant hues of seasonal blooms. In this transitional phase, gardeners find themselves at the intersection of anticipation and preparation, eagerly tending to their outdoor havens in anticipation of the coming burst of growth and color.*

As August unfolds, the garden undergoes a gentle metamorphosis, shedding its wintry garb and awakening to the promise of spring. It's a season of delicate balance, where tender shoots emerge from the earth, and the landscape begins to stir with renewed vigor. Amidst the burgeoning foliage and budding blossoms, gardeners find themselves immersed in a symphony of sights, sounds, and scents, as they nurture their green spaces with care and reverence.



# TOP TIPS FOR AUGUST

- 1 Plant Summer Bulbs:** Explore the offerings of suppliers like Diggers and Garden Express, adding a touch of summer's brilliance to your garden with an array of bulbs such as lilies and dahlias.
- 2 Nourish with Organic Fertilizer:** Treat your entire garden to a nutrient-rich feast with slow-release fertilizers like Grow Safe Home Gardener or Eco Prime Garden, laying the foundation for a vibrant spring display.
- 3 Maintain Vegetable Beds:** Continue feeding and sowing successive crops in your vegetable patch, ensuring a continuous harvest of fresh produce to enjoy throughout the season.
- 4 Combat Pests:** Keep a vigilant eye out for snails and slugs, employing methods such as Multiguard pellets or manual removal to protect your plants from damage.
- 5 Care for Camellias:** After flowering, trim camellias by 1/3 or more if necessary, and provide a light feeding of natural fertilizer to support healthy growth and future blooms.
- 6 Divide Overgrown Perennials:** Revitalize overgrown perennials like cannas and agapanthus by dividing them, promoting healthier growth and enhancing the overall aesthetic of your garden.
- 7 Optimize Planting Opportunities:** Take advantage of the dwindling days of winter by planting deciduous fruit trees and ornamental vines, setting the stage for a flourishing garden in the seasons ahead.



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## EMBRACING THE SPRING AWAKENING

*As September unfolds, the garden springs to life with a symphony of colors and scents, heralding the arrival of spring in all its splendor. It's a time of rejuvenation and renewal, where nature awakens from its winter slumber, beckoning us to join in its dance of growth and vitality. In this season of transition, gardeners eagerly embrace the opportunity to cultivate their outdoor sanctuaries, nurturing tender shoots and blossoms as they emerge from the earth, promising a tapestry of beauty and abundance in the months ahead.*

With the arrival of spring, the garden bursts forth with renewed energy, presenting an array of tasks and delights for the avid gardener. As blossoms unfurl and leaves unfurl, it's time to turn our attention to nourishing the soil and tending to the needs of our growing plants. From feeding and pruning to pest management and propagation, each task plays a vital role in fostering a thriving garden ecosystem. With a sense of anticipation and delight, we embrace the joys of spring gardening, sowing the seeds of beauty and abundance that will bloom throughout the season.



# TOP TIPS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 1 Gather Citrus Fruits:** Make the most of abundant lemons and limes by juicing them and freezing the juice in ice cube trays for future use.
- 2 Check Reticulation:** Ensure your irrigation system is in working order by turning on the reticulation and checking for any blockages or issues.
- 3 Feed Plants:** Nourish your entire garden with slow-release fertilizers like GrowSafe Home Gardener or Eco Prime, providing essential nutrients for healthy growth and vibrant blooms.
- 4 Combat Weeds:** With perfect conditions for explosive growth, keep weeds at bay using certified organic alternatives like Slasher and Bioweed.
- 5 Fruit Fly Control:** Implement fruit fly control measures, such as nets, bags, or organic sprays, to protect your fruit crops from infestation.
- 6 Graft Fruit Trees:** Take advantage of the season to learn how to graft fruit trees, allowing you to enjoy multiple varieties on a single tree and maximize space in your garden.
- 7 Prune Passionfruit Vines:** Trim back passionfruit vines by 1/3 and feed every 2 months to encourage a bumper crop of fruit.





## THE BLOOMS OF OCTOBER

*As October dawns upon us, the garden becomes a canvas painted with hues of green, gold, and crimson, inviting us to immerse ourselves in the wonders of the natural world. With the arrival of spring in full swing, the air is filled with the promise of new beginnings and bountiful harvests, beckoning both novice and seasoned gardeners alike to tend to their verdant domains. In this season of growth and abundance, each day brings new discoveries and delights, from the first blossoms of fruit trees to the fragrant herbs and vibrant vegetables that grace our plots. Let us journey together into the heart of October, where the garden awaits with open arms, ready to unveil its secrets and treasures.*

As October unfolds, the garden bursts forth with vitality, offering a cornucopia of delights for those who tend its fertile soil. Amidst the lush foliage and fragrant blooms, it's time to roll up our sleeves and dive into the heart of gardening season. From sowing seeds to thinning fruit trees, each task plays a crucial role in fostering a thriving garden ecosystem. With the sun-kissed days and gentle breezes of October as our guide, we embark on a journey of cultivation and care, nurturing our plants with love and attention as they reach for the sky. Together, let us cultivate a tapestry of beauty and abundance, weaving our dreams into the very fabric of the earth.

# TOP TIPS FOR OCTOBER



- 1 **Join Diggers Club:** Consider joining the Diggers Club, a treasure trove of heirloom seeds, plants, and gardening resources that offer rare and unique varieties unavailable elsewhere.
- 2 **Grow Raspberries:** For coastal dwellers, try growing autumn-fruiting raspberry varieties that require no chilling hours and thrive in semi-shade. Plant them in a 30L pot for delicious fruit right at your fingertips.
- 3 **Continue Planting Veggies and Herbs:** Take advantage of the perfect growing weather in October by continuing to plant your favorite vegetables and herbs. With a little tender loving care, they'll reward you with a bountiful harvest.
- 4 **Thin Fruit Trees:** Thin out fruit trees to encourage larger, tastier fruit and prevent biennial bearing. Aim to have no fruit touching another to ensure optimal growth and development.
- 5 **Gardenia Care:** Apply iron chelate to gardenias if not done in September, then sprinkle epsom salts around the base and water in with seaweed liquid for abundant flowers. Regular liquid feeding will further enhance blooming.
- 6 **Use Grosorb Wetting Agent:** Treat plants in non-wetting soil with Grosorb wetting agent, followed by a layer of mulch. For additional soil conditioning, incorporate Cassie's Clay or Soil Solver mixed with compost around the roots.
- 7 **Consider Planting Passionfruit:** If you haven't already, consider planting a passionfruit vine such as the Sunshine Special, bred in Western Australia for its long fruiting season and delicious flavor. Ensure proper spacing and avoid disturbing roots once established.







## THE VIBRANCE OF NOVEMBER

*As November dances into our gardens, it brings with it the crescendo of spring's symphony, a harmonious blend of colors, scents, and sounds that beckon us to embrace the joys of the natural world. Amidst the hustle and bustle of life, the garden remains a sanctuary of tranquility and growth, a canvas upon which we paint our dreams and aspirations. With the warmth of the sun on our backs and the earth beneath our feet, we embark on a journey of exploration and discovery, eager to witness the beauty and abundance that this enchanting season has to offer.*

As November unfolds its petals, the garden becomes a stage upon which nature's grandeur unfolds in all its glory. It's a time for nurturing, for tending to the tender shoots and budding blossoms that herald the arrival of summer's embrace. From supporting local garden centers to thinning out fruit trees and warding off garden pests, each task plays a vital role in fostering a thriving garden ecosystem. With the wisdom of seasoned gardeners and the enthusiasm of novices, we come together to cultivate a landscape teeming with life and vitality, where every flower, leaf, and blade of grass tells a story of resilience and renewal.

# TOP TIPS FOR NOVEMBER

- 1 Listen to All The Dirt Podcast:** Tune in to the All The Dirt podcast with Deryn Thorpe and Steve Wood, a delightful blend of entertainment and education that has garnered numerous National Media awards. Discover gardening tips, tricks, and tales that will inspire and delight.
- 2 Support Local Garden Centers:** Show your support for local garden centers, the heart and soul of our gardening communities. By patronizing these small businesses, we help preserve diversity and ensure that our gardens remain unique sanctuaries of creativity and beauty.
- 3 Check Mulch:** Before mulching, ensure that water is penetrating through to the roots by conducting a thorough watering. Leave a mulch-free space around stems and trunks to prevent rot and encourage healthy growth.
- 4 Thinning Fruit:** Continue thinning out fruit trees to promote larger, tastier fruit and prevent overcrowding. This practice helps ensure a bountiful harvest and reduces the risk of disease.
- 5 Watch for Pests:** Keep an eye out for aphids, thrips, and spider mites, particularly in dry conditions. If spraying becomes necessary, opt for organic alternatives like Nature's Way or EcoNeem, and avoid spraying near bees, waiting until dusk when they are less active.
- 6 Feed Citrus and Avocados:** Give your citrus and avocado trees another feeding in late November to support their growth and fruiting. These subtropical trees are heavy feeders, benefiting from regular fertilization every 6-8 weeks, especially if potted.
- 7 Nurture Your Garden:** Treat your garden with care and attention, and it will reward you with an abundance of beauty and bounty. Whether it's a neglected lemon tree or a flourishing flower bed, your efforts will be repaid tenfold with the richness of nature's gifts.

# GARDENING IS PERSONAL

*Let us help*

You've embarked on a year-long journey to transform your outdoor space into a thriving oasis with Garden Deva's gardening ebook. But the journey doesn't end there. Our expertise extends beyond the pages of this ebook – with a personalized consultation, we'll craft a bespoke garden experience tailored to your unique needs and preferences.

Imagine the benefits: a garden expertly curated to complement your home's aesthetic, a sanctuary that evolves with the seasons, and the peace of mind knowing your garden is in expert hands. With Garden Deva's guidance, your outdoor space will not only survive but thrive, becoming a source of joy and inspiration for you and your loved ones throughout the year.

Let us help you cultivate a garden that reflects your lifestyle and brings beauty to your home every day.

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