

February

IN YOUR GARDEN

Maintenance of your late summer garden is high on the to-do list. With plenty to harvest from your kitchen garden, it's time to freeze and preserve all the fruits of your labour ready for the cooler months.



Continue harvesting mid season pip and stone fruit tree crops, berries and citrus. Picking fruits every day will encourage late fruiting

Edible Garden

Keep planting last summer crops of new lettuce and herbs. If you have a greenhouse you can still plant tomatoes, eggplant, cucumbers and peppers.



To set your fruit trees up for winter (especially citrus); use Tui Citrus Food for best results.



It's time to harvest your rockmelons when the stem begins to break away from the fruit.

Watering restrictions in your area? Try these tips:

- Soak your garden every four days, instead of short shallow watering
- Water early or late to ensure the water gets to where it needs to
- Water the roots not the leaves for maximum plant benefit
- Use a sprinkler with a timer to deliver just the right amount of water



Pick vegetables every day to encourage late growth (especially peas, beans, eggplant, cucumbers and courgettes)

Sow seeds of winter vegetables like cabbage, cauliflower, broccoli, beetroot, winter lettuce, brussel sprouts, spinach, carrots, leeks, and silverbeet.



Got an excess tomato harvest? Make your own sweet tomato sauce without the supermarket additives. View all our preserving recipes online.



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Bulbs

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In warmer areas, place your bulbs in the fridge for 4-6 weeks before planting.



Early summer bulbs such as anemone, ranunculus, tulips and daffodils arrive in store this month and can be planted in flower beds and pots. Bulbs can be planted now through to late autumn. By planting continuously through this period, you will be rewarded with a continuous floral display come spring.



Flower Garden

Got a dry area that needs colour? Plant arctotis, calendula, gazania, osteospermum, portulaca, sedum and all types of succulents.



Sow seeds of winter flowers like pansy, viola, primula, polyanthus, calendula, cineraria, poppies, lobelia, alyssum and snapdragon. Use Yates Black Magic Seed Raising Mix for best results when sowing seeds.



Water regularly and deeply during this month to keep your garden healthy and vibrant if conditions are still dry.



Applying Tui Mulch & Feed around the base of your plants can conserve up to 70% moisture in the soil and also suppresses weed growth.



Continue to pick your flowering roses, dead head old flowers and spray to combat pests and diseases.



Lawns

Summer can be brutal on lawns, so keep the weeds under control with Yates Weed & Feed for broadleaf weed control plus nutrients to give the lawn a quick green up.



All our plants are of the highest quality, but if something fails to grow in your garden, we'll simply replace it for you - that's our Palmers Promise.

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