



WINTER  
2009

## newsletter

## In the Garden

As many plants go into dormancy over winter it is still one of the busiest times of the year in the garden, with lots to do to prepare and set out your garden for the rest of the year.

There is no need for your garden to be bare over winter as there is plenty of opportunity to introduce winter color and fragrance.

You can even add a splash of colour indoors with flowering Cymbidium Orchids and Cyclamens.

If you have a Daphne, pick the flowers to bring the beautiful fragrance inside, by cutting you will also help to increase flowering for next year.

Now is the time for planting deciduous shrubs, trees and perennials and perfect for transplanting plants.

### It's Bareroot Season!

Get your deciduous ornamental trees, fruit trees, nut trees, berries and roses at much cheaper prices because they have been grown in fields not pots.



It is very important that you plant them immediately so the roots don't dry out.

*What better way to warm yourself up this Winter, than to grab your pruners and shovel and get busy in the garden!*

## What to Plant

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| <b>Bare Root Trees:</b>    | Ornamentals, Fruit trees, Nuts trees, Berries and Roses.   |
| <b>Bare Root Roses:</b>    | Bush, Climbing, Standards and Weeping Roses in every colour.   |
| <b>Fragrant Plants:</b>    | Luculia, Daphne, Osmanthus, Lavender.  |
| <b>Flowering Plants:</b>   | Camellias, Helleborus, Pieris, Rhodanthe, Hardenbergia, Magnolia, Anemones, Orchids, Alyogyne, Acacia's and Grevilleas.  |
| <b>Annuals:</b>            | Primula, Polyanthus, Cyclamen, Violas, Pansies, Alyssum, Stock, Sweet Peas, Snapdragons, Foxgloves and Cinerarias.   |
| <b>Bulbs:</b>              | Daffodils, Tulips, Hyacinths, Anemone, Gladioli, Liliiums, Oriental and Day lilies.  |
| <b>Herbs &amp; Vegies:</b> | Asparagus and Rhubarb crowns, Garlic bulb's, Jerusalem artichokes, Strawberries, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Cabbage, Bok Choy, Kale, Brussels Sprouts, Spinach, Radish, Broad Beans, Peas, Carrots, Leeks, Lettuce, Spring Onion and Coriander |



# Garden Check List

# GREENPASS

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TICK THE BOXES BELOW ONCE COMPLETED IN YOUR GARDEN

## PLANTING

- Re-position your frost sensitive Pot Plants to a protected position. Spray with **Stress Guard** if you think they will need extra frost protection.
- When planting bare root trees or transplanting plants ensure the soil has been well prepared by adding **Compost** and **Planting Gel**. Water in well every 2 weeks with **Seasol** which will help stimulate new root growth on your plants and help stressed trees and shrubs re-establish themselves.

## SOIL IMPROVEMENT

- Improve your clay soil if it is holding excess moisture by digging in gypsum to break it down and allow air and water to pass through.

## FERTILISING

- For Bulbs, Annuals & Vegetables fertilise fortnightly with **Powerfeed** (contains **Seasol** for increase growth, flower, fruiting and gives protection from frosts).
- For Citrus, use a **Citrus Fertiliser** in August. Watch for Gall Wasp, prune off and discard any infected material and discard in rubbish bin. (Not the green waste bin)

## PRUNING

- Shrubs - Trim and dead head after they have finished flowering.
- Herbaceous Perennials - give a hard prune to encourage new fresh growth in Spring.
- Deciduous Trees - prune to define shape and structure.
- Roses & Fruit Trees - prune into a 'vase shape' in mid-late July.

## VEGIE PATCH

- Green Manure Crop - Leave a section to plant a **Green Manure Crop**. Dig back into the soil before it goes to seed. This increases the organic and nitrogen content in soil which makes it perfect for Spring plantings.
- Mulch with **Pea Straw** or **Lucerne** to keep warmth in the soil.
- Plant in Winter - Asparagus, Rhubarb, Garlic, Jerusalem artichokes, Strawberries, Cauliflower, Broccoli, Cabbage, Bok Choy, Kale, Brussels Sprouts, Spinach, Radish, Broad Beans, Peas, Carrots, Leeks, Lettuce, Spring Onion and Coriander

## LAWNS

- Lift the blades on your mower to reduce frost damage to lawns, and treat any weeds that appear with a selective **Herbicide**. If your lawn has runners you can cut and transplant to fix any bare patches.

## INDOOR PLANTS

- Reduce watering of your Indoor Plants and move away from direct heating. Ensure all dust is wiped off leaves.
- Refresh by repotting with a quality **Potting Mix** and add **Fertiliser** if required.

## TOOLS

- Sharpen and clean your Secateurs, Pruners and Mower Blades.
- Install a Rainwater Tank now to catch the Winter rain.