



How does your garden grow?

Autumn is the perfect time to get out and give your garden a good tidy up.

The mornings have started getting cooler, the autumn colours are at their best and it won't be long before the frost makes its return. Take the time to freshen up your plants after a wet summer and give your garden a feed. Make sure you supply your lawn with a bit of attention too.

As we move towards the start of winter now is the time to prepare your garden for the cold weather. Some gardeners prefer to wait until spring to begin planting, but after our mild weather there really is no better time to grow. Plus, planting in autumn will ensure they are well established for when the warmer weather returns.

So, take some time to plan your garden and the new additions you would like to plant. For those planting bare root stock in the coming months, select the planting site and start pre-

paring your soil by adding in organic compost. Rake up any fallen leaves regularly to discourage slugs and snails from entering your garden.

Vegies to sow

Chinese cabbage, most Asian greens, spinach, rocket, broccoli, spring onions, cabbages, celery, cauliflower, onions, silver beet, leeks and lettuce and carrots. You can also plant some herbs and lemon balm too.

Flowers to plant

Now is the perfect time to plant your spring flowering bulbs, and there is a huge range to choose from at ASQ Skydancers! Plant now so that your garden will bring you a great burst of colour in spring. Don't forget to apply a fertiliser that is high in potassium, we recommend PowerFeed for Tomatoes & Vegetables.

Plant your vegies now for optimal results.



Get your bulbs planted to enjoy the rewards come spring.

Q&A

Q: Do I need to tease out roots when I put a plant in the ground
– Suzi, Castlemaine

A: It's a real mix. Some plants really enjoy having their roots teased out (eg: roses) but others don't (eg: peony roses) best to get some advice from the team at your local independent nursery.

Q: Can I stop birds digging up my lawn with a safe product?
– Jono, Taradale

A: There's no product that will keep birds off your lawn, you could try adding a scarecrow or a statue of a predatory bird.

Q: I have put turf down recently, and its turned yellow. What can I do to save it?
– Stan, Castlemaine

A: Depending on the variety of turf some do yellow off with the cold weather. Also, overwatering can cause yellowing. I would take photos of the area and get some advice from the supplier.

Q: Why have I got a load of red tomatoes when no one else has?
– Kerrie, Malmsbury

A: They must be in a very warm sunny spot. Great work.

- Elisabeth Templeton, ASQ Garden & Landscape.

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