

Gardening



How does your garden grow?

Q&A

Q: What’s the best time to water my garden?
– Kylie, Castlemaine.

A: Early morning is the ideal time.

Q: Some of the larger trees in our yard are going brown. Is this lack of water?
– Lindsay, Castlemaine.

A: Browning on the outside of the leaf edge is a sign of two things either over watering or under watering. This makes it a bit tricky to determine which one but seeing that we are in summer, it’s more likely to be under watering. Good deep soaks are better than little top ups.

Q: Is it ok to water plants in the sun?
– Di, Castlemaine.

A: Yes! We do it all the time! Just be mindful of the temperature of the water coming out of the hose.

Q: How do you know if you are overwatering your plants?
– Megan, Castlemaine.

A: All plants need different requirements of water. Try to mimic the environment that they originate from with water levels. Be aware of browning on the leaf edge can be a sign of over watering or under watering.

Q: Can leaves absorb water?
– Bax, Taradale.

A: Yes, leaves can absorb water through their leaves, that is why it is always great to spray the foliage of plants with liquid fertilisers.

- Elisabeth Templeton,
ASQ Garden & Landscape.

Summer is coming to an end in a few weeks, and plenty of plant projects are still to be done. Now is the time to give your indoor plants some attention. Remove any dust that has gathered on the leaves by gently hosing them down or use a damp cloth.

Repot your plants if they’ve outgrown their home or if you notice a decrease in the quality of the soil. If roots are poking out of the drainage holes, a larger pot is needed. GrowBetter Indoor Potting Mix is ideal for most indoor plants, or if you have succulents, use GrowBetter Cacti & Succulent Potting Mix. Once you have selected your pot and have your plant in the pot, gently gather soil around the stems and lightly press it down with your fingertips to anchor your plant. There is no need to compact the soil and leave a little room on top of the soil for water to pool.

You can add water to settle the

soil if your plant likes moisture. There is no need to add fertiliser right away as there’s usually a little fertiliser included in most potting mixes, so wait at least a month before adding more.

Most plants will need to be repotted once a year, although some slow growers may need a few centimetres of fresh soil on top of the existing soil to keep them going. Check the location as indoor plants prefer gentle changes in temperature, keep them away from heaters, air conditioners, drafts and cold windows.

Vegies to sow

Plant your peas, broccoli, cabbages, asian mix, carrots, onions, lettuces and brussels sprouts. Get ready for Broad bean season in the coming weeks.

Flowers to grow

Plant your Pansies and cornflowers now to enjoy these stunning flowers.



Get ready to plant your Broad beans.



Cornflowers make a stunning addition to the garden.

End of Summer

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