



Now is the time to give your garden a good tidy up and begin pruning your fruit trees and flowers.



Add some colour during the cooler months with pansies.

The weather may be cool but there is plenty to do in the garden in July. It is the perfect time to plant your deciduous ornamental and fruit trees, tidy up your garden beds, build compost and do some spraying of weeds.

While the days are sunny get stuck into the pruning, as pruning encourages new growth for plants producing flowers and fruit. For plants such as peaches, nectarines, citrus and roses, you can expect new flowers and fruit in the same season. You can prune apples, pears, plums and apricots however, you will need to wait a season for new fruit. Remember to prune at a 45 degree angle with a quality pair of clean secateurs.

Give your camellias and established citrus trees a top up with fertiliser, as they are now producing flowers or fruit. Grow Better Camellia & Azalea Food and Grow Better Fruit & Citrus Food are great products that will get the job done. It is also an excellent time to give your English box and peony roses some extra nutrients with Grow Better Dolomite Lime and Blood & Bone.



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Vegies to sow

Vegies you can continue to sow in July include lettuce, spinach, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, spring onions, coriander, beetroot, garlic, onions, radish and peas.

Flowers to plant

It's time to plant your new season deciduous plants. Fruit trees, and roses are a few that fit into this category.

ASQ Garden & Landscape Castlemaine have a great range of bare rooted roses in store now at excellent prices, from standards to climbers and bush roses.

Q&A

Q: My garden looks so drab. What can I plant to make it look nicer moving into spring?
– Mark, Castlemaine

A: Plant violas and pansies, they'll add a great bit of winter colour and cheer and will last through till the start of summer.

Q: I'm teaching the kids how to plant veggies and we have a small space ready to go. What's good to plant now?
– Jo, Castlemaine

A: Plant what your household will enjoy eating. Try planting lettuce, spinach, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, spring onions, coriander and heaps more.

Q: Is it ok to prune roses now?
– Barry, Castlemaine

A: It's a great time to prune your roses.

Q: I have just built a house in Castlemaine and would like to know the best plants to have in my garden that are low maintenance?
– Tim, Castlemaine

A: Native plants can make a fantastic low maintenance garden. Indigenous plants that are local to the area will do really well in our conditions.

Q: What's the best creeper for my garden to cover the ground from weeds?
– Jayne, Castlemaine

A: The Broad Leaf Myoporum is one of my favourites for weed suppression and it's very hardy.

- Elisabeth Templeton, ASQ Garden & Landscape.

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