

Flowering Shrubs - Prune after flowering to encourage new growth and more flowers (you are better to overprune than underprune).

Other Plants

- Continuous deadheading of flowers on all plants will encourage a longer flowering period e.g. remove dead flowers from roses and remove stalks from daylilies for more flowers.
- Prune evergreen shrubs and trees to shape in spring or autumn or after flowering.
- Trim hedges in spring and autumn to keep them at the correct width and height. For more vigorous species, such as Teucrium, you may have to prune once a month during the growing season to keep a good clean finish.

PLANT HEALTH

A good slow wander through the garden once a month will allow you to look for any health issues such as insect damage, dying off or fungal infections.

- Look for holes in leaves, chewed edges, the insects themselves, dying off of leaves or branches, sooty or mouldy leaves, holes in the stems or branches. If you notice any problems, bring a good sized piece of the affected plant into Decor Gardenworld and we will help you identify the problem and recommend a solution.
- Around 'strappy' or 'fleshy' plants such as flaxes, rengarenga lilies, hostas, daylilies etc use Quash to deter slugs and snails. Quash is friendly to animals and continues to work even if it gets wet.
- Use Vaporguard on plants likely to be affected by frost or sunburn e.g. vireyas and lush subtropicals. Vaporguard will protect plants from the hot sun and also down to temperatures of -3°C . Reapply every 3 to 6 months or as required, following directions on the packet. It is also a good product for reducing transplant shock when moving plants.
- Spray deciduous trees with Grosafe Free Flow Copper and Grosafe Enspray Oil when they have lost their leaves to fight fungal infection and insect attacks.

**Happy gardening and remember we are always available for advice!
If you have any questions about your plants or problems with them,
come into Decor Gardenworld and we will happily help.**



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PLANTING AND FERTILISING

The ultimate time for planting any garden is autumn. However, in our climate planting can be done at any time, as long as you ensure adequate water during dry spells and tender plants are protected from the cold.

Not all plants are available at all times of the year, which is why a planting plan is a great idea as it allows you to plant in your garden as the plants become available.

General Trees and Shrubs

- Dig a hole at least half again as large as the bag or pot the plant is in.
- Add to the bottom of the hole good quality compost, some of the removed soil and 12 month slow release fertiliser tablets at the recommended rate.
- Mix everything in the planting hole well, remove the planting bag or pot and tease roots slightly, place the plant in the hole and backfill with removed soil, compacting the soil around the plant carefully so as not to damage the roots.
- Tall trees and shrubs will require 2 strong stakes placed firmly into the ground and 2 ties (one from the plant to each stake) to help it stay in the correct position while its roots develop. Check ties regularly, especially after strong winds.
- Water the plants well once planted, giving them a good soaking.
- Apply type specific fertilisers at regular intervals during the growing season after 1 year, following the directions and application rate recommended on the packet.

Citrus and Other Fruiting Trees

- Use the planting procedure as for general trees and shrubs.
- Use Tui Citrus Fertiliser as a top dressing at the rate recommended on the packet when planting and again every 3 months.

Roses

- Use the planting procedure for general trees and shrubs, omitting the fertiliser tablets from the planting hole.
- Use Tui Rose Fertiliser as a top dressing at the rate recommended on the packet when planting and again every 3 months. Additionally feed with Novatec through the flowering season.
- If you are planting roses in winter, you will need to prune them at planting time and commence a spray programme. See our brochure 'Glorious Roses'.

Rhododendrons, Camellias and Other Acid Loving Plants

- Use the planting procedure for general trees and shrubs, omitting the fertiliser tablets from the planting hole.
- Use Tui Acid Fertiliser as a top dressing at the rate recommended on the packet when planting and again every 3 months.

Vireyas

- Use the planting procedure for general trees and shrubs, omitting the fertiliser tablets from the planting hole.
- Where vireyas are planted directly into the ground, mix iCan Blood and Bone very well in the planting hole at the rate recommended when planting and again as a top dressing in spring and autumn.
- Where vireyas are planted into pots or containers, use a good quality potting mix such as Daltons Premium Potting Mix. After 6 months apply iCan Fast Food Liquid Fertiliser or Osmocote for Pots, Planters & Indoors at the recommended rates and intervals as indicated on the packet.

Proteaceae Family, Bouganvilleas

(Including plants such as Leucodendrons, Proteas, Leucospermums and Telopeas)

- These plants require no compost or fertiliser of any kind at planting or during their lifetime, as this is more likely to harm than help them.
- Ensure they have good drainage and take care not to disturb the roots of these plants when planting.

PRUNING

This is a general guide to when pruning should be done. For pruning demonstrations or for more information on techniques, come into Decor Gardenworld and we will help.

Roses - Prune July / August (winter).

Demonstrations in July showing correct techniques for the various types of roses are held at Decor Gardenworld (enquire as to dates and times).

Deciduous Trees - Prune after they have lost their leaves.

For large trees or if you are unsure how much to prune, contact a reputable arborist for advice.

For weeping cherries and malus species, you may prune after flowering to get the best display.