



## SEASONAL PLANTING GUIDE

# SUMMER

Summer - some like it hot! Not everything in the garden copes as well with the hot weather, so it's an important time to be aware of watering well and often, mulching and spending time outdoors in the cool of the morning and late afternoon, preferably with a cool drink in hand!



### DECEMBER

As the temperature rises, now is a good time to ensure garden beds are mulched and kept watered. Do not water in the heat of the day as this could result in burning - both the plants and your shoulders!

Pot up containers and front garden beds ready to welcome Christmas visitors. Think about giving living gifts this Christmas! Red and white Petunias in colourful pots make perfect gifts.

#### **Flowers -**

Amaranthus, Marigolds, Petunias, Nasturtiums

#### **Fruit / Vegetables -**

Sweet corn, Tomatoes, Watermelon, Rockmelon

#### **Herbs -**

Chives, Thyme, Rocket, Basil



### JANUARY

January - the holiday season is here and the garden can look after itself while you look after family and friends. Ensure watering is kept up though, as pots particularly will dry out very quickly.

Ensure that the varieties you do plant are able to withstand heat. Mulching will help to keep moisture where it is needed. If there has been a lot of rain, make sure any containers lying around the yard are emptied regularly to discourage mosquito breeding.

#### **Flowers -**

Portulacas, Vincas, Salvias, Celosias

#### **Fruit / Vegetable -**

Zucchini, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cucumbers, Rhubarb, Peanuts

#### **Herbs -**

Chillies, Sage



### FEBRUARY

As temperatures start to cool off slightly, now is the time to prepare garden beds which may have been empty over Summer.

Spend some time during the heat of the day being inspired for Autumn planting and preparing a shopping list!

It's a good month to plant strawberries for harvesting in the next couple of months, and hardy varieties like Geraniums and bright Zinnias can be planted now, ready to bring colour to your Autumn garden.

#### **Flowers -**

Geraniums, Zinnias, Statice, Gazanias

#### **Fruit / Vegetable -**

Eggplant, Beans, Capsicum, Beetroot, Strawberries

#### **Herbs -**

Rosemary, Curry, Coriander

