

# AUTUMN

# **SEASONAL PLANTING GUIDE**

Beautiful cool mornings and clear sunshine days mean that Autumn really is the perfect time to be in the garden. It's one of the easier seasons in terms of maintenance, and a little preparation now will ensure your garden is ready to provide you with delicious winter goodness.

#### MARCH

March is the ideal month to recover from the hot summer season and breathe some new life into your garden. Start by digging over those garden beds, giving hedges and shrubs a trim and fertilising your lawn to freshen and revitalise.

With slightly cooler temperatures and days starting to shorten, this month is the perfect time to start planting these varieties:

Flowers -Dianthus | Marigolds | Sweet Peas

**Fruit / Vegetables -**Tomatoes | Capsicum | Eggplant

## APRIL

April is the time to mould your garden into your own little piece of paradise. Spend some time pulling out weeds and feeding trees and shrubbery but above all just enjoy being outside in the glorious autumn sunshine!

As this is a prime growing season in our part of the world, this is the month to enjoy tending those healthy seedlings so that you will enjoy a bumper harvest in the coming months.

Flowers -Pansies | Violas | Cinerarias |

Fruit / Vegetables -Broccoli | Spinach | Asian Vegetables

### ΜΑΥ

May is about maintenance! Keep an eye out for pests and disease and keep garden beds clear of fallen leaves. If you planted early you may be seeing the fruits of your labours now! Use a cloth cover to protect tomatoes, chillies and capsicums from cool overnight temperatures.

Autumn leaves make great compost. An ideal ratio for a healthy compost pile is 2/3 brown waste and 1/3 green waste.

Flowers -Lavender | Primula | Poppies | Liriope

Fruit / Vegetables -Cabbage | Cauliflower | Peas |