



Autumn Gardening Guide

Autumn is a great time to plant. The soil is generally moister and the weather mild. When planting trees and shrubs at this time of year they have an opportunity to establish a good root system through the winter and spring before the hot and dry conditions of summer return. In drier areas, to give plants the best chance of surviving, use water crystals in the bottom of the hole when planting. The water crystals swell and retain moisture and gradually release moisture as the soil dries out.

Bulbs

Autumn is also the time to plant spring flowering bulbs. Wake your garden from winter to spring with brilliant splashes of colour. We have one of the largest ranges available sourced from both local and interstate suppliers. Don't forget to put your tulips and hyacinths in the fridge for a couple of weeks prior to planting.

Vegie Garden

Autumn is also an important time in the vegetable garden. With the onset of the cooler weather, the white cabbage moth starts to disappear and so it is therefore the main time to plant your Brassica seedlings for winter and early spring maturity. This group of plants includes Broccoli, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Kale and Brussel Sprouts. Other seedlings available include Beetroot, Celery, Lettuce, Peas, Silverbeet, Swedes and Spinach. We have a range of Asian vegetables also available. Seeds can also be sown of Broadbeans, Carrots, Parsnips, Peas, Radish and Turnips.

Tassie grown purple garlic is available to plant from late March to winter. A far superior tasting garlic to what you would purchase at the supermarket. Plant the cloves 10-15cm apart and add lime if your soil is acid.

Ready to Eat Herbs are available through autumn also. This range includes all of the popular varieties and they are ready to use as soon as you take them home.

Autumn is a great time to sow green manure seed. Green manure crops feed your worms and soil. The legumes add nitrogen to the soil and the mustard and brassicas help to control nematodes. Incorporate into the soil 4 or 5 weeks prior to planting. Don't let the crop run to seed.

New seasons fruit trees will be arriving soon, so now is the time to order from our catalogue for winter delivery. Holes can be prepared to a depth of approximately 40cm and compost or manure added to enrich the soil.

Cyclamen

New seasons Cyclamen have now arrived into the nursery. These showy free flowering plants provide months of colour for both in and outside the house. When grown inside, Cyclamen prefer a bright airy room that is not too warm. They make excellent outside pot plants and are not bothered by the cold.

Ornamental Garden

Chandlers Nursery carries a huge range of ornamental trees and shrubs. New stock arrives on a weekly basis so our varieties are constantly changing. There is always something new and exciting arriving to broaden our range of both native and exotic plants. If you want to add some autumn coloured foliage to your garden then April and May is the time to come and visit us. Japanese Maples are perfect for the smaller suburban garden and their colour is brilliant at this time of year. We have many varieties and forms to choose from.

If you need a hedge or screen then now is a good time to plant. Popular screens include Pittosporum, Escallonia, Viburnum, Lilly Pilly, Luma, Myrtles and more. For small hedges we have Box varieties, Dwarf Escallonia and Dwarf Pittosporum. For something a bit different there are hedges that fruit. There is the Chilean Guava that grows to a few metres tall and has small edible pinkish red berries and gives a delightful fragrance of strawberries and pineapple. Also there is the Feijoa or Pineapple Guava. It makes an excellent taller hedge or screen that can be clipped or let grow informally. The green fruit has a sweet tangy taste and is about the size of an egg.

If you want colour in your garden for winter and early spring then now is the time to plant flower seedlings. We always carry a large range of Pansy and Violas which are long flowering and also perfect for pots. Other varieties available include Alyssum, Cineraria, Dianthus, Godetia, Nemesia, Primula, Polyanthus, Poppy and Sweet William.

Autumn is a great time to feed your garden. Chandlers Nursery carries a good range of fertilizers and composts. Ask our friendly staff for advice on which best suits your needs.

New seasons roses will be arriving soon, so now is a good time to order from our catalogue for winter delivery. New beds can be prepared now with compost and manure added and mixed through the soil ready for planting.