

Autumn is one of the best seasons in the gardening calendar. Summer temperatures ease and plants begin to grow again. Autumn colour makes gardens come alive and edible gardens come into their peak productive period.

Here's a few things to get done in the garden this season.

LAWNS

- * Apply slow release fertiliser
- * Weed out the weeds that may have taken a hold over summer. Remove by hand or apply herbicide.
- * Aerating lawns in autumn will help improve the amount of air and water getting into the soil as the rains come. The hot days and extra foot traffic that happens in summer can see soils becoming hard and compacted.
- * Raking leaf litter off lawns during autumn will ensure that light can still penetrate.

KEEP UP YOUR ROSE CARE

- * Deadheading roses may encourage one last burst of blooms before winter
- * Foliar feed

EDIBLES AND COLOUR TO PLANT NOW

- * Colour: Pansies, violas, cyclamen, sweet peas
- * Edibles: Asian greens, broad beans, broccoli, beetroot, cabbages, carrots, cauliflower, coriander, lettuce, kale, spinach, snow peas, silverbeet.

OTHER JOBS

- * Your garden may be a bit exhausted after the spring/summer growing season. A general feed with an all purpose fertiliser will boost it's growth in autumn.
- * Cut back your herbaceous perennials as they finish flowering.
- * Plant spring bulbs
- * Feed Buxus and apply some dolomite lime