



AUTUMN PLANTING GUIDE

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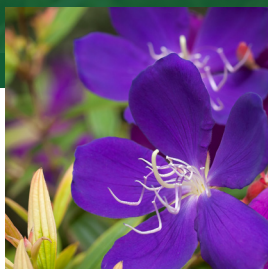
Autumn is a wonderful time of year to experience the beautiful colours of different foliage from deciduous trees, shrubs, conifers and stone fruit trees; which are at their peak during this slightly cooler season.

It is season where Easter falls with **Tibouchinas** in full bloom, showcasing brilliant purple or pink flowers. **Camellias** are also at their peak through this season, producing a various array of stunning flowers.

Spring flowering bulbs need to be planted during autumn. There is a vast selection to choose from with **Freesias**, **Jonquills** and **Daffadils** are considered among the worlds best bulbs as they can be left in the ground forever. During the second year it is recommended to feed your bulbs fell with Bulb Food as to provide brilliant flowering for the following spring.

In the warmer zones, refrigeration of **Tulip** and **Hyacinth** bulbs is recommended they can last quite well as a decorative flower arrangement in a vase or bouquet.

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BEAUTIFUL BULBS

Autumn is a bulb planting time with most bulbs able to be planted all around Australia. However, refrigeration of tulip bulbs may be essential in warmer areas. Freesia and Jonquills – the old fashioned varieties come up every year, look great and are also perfumed. Some bulb varieties are beautiful for cut flowers and vases.

AUTUMN TIPS & TRICKS

Place tulip and hyacinth bulbs in the crisper tray of the fridge for 3-4 weeks before planting.

As growth slows in April, indoor plants will not need feeding and will require less water.

Daphne is a very prone to collar rot, so do not plant a Daphne any deeper than it was in the pot. In the event of collar rot treat the problem with a systemic fungicide Phosacid Anit-Rot



Tibouchina

A fast growing shrub or small tree with spectacular purple flowers during autumn to winter.

POSITION	Full sun to part-shade, with moist well drained soil.
CARE	Feed regularly with a complete fertiliser to encourage healthy growth.
PRUNE	Lightly prune after flowering to maintain the height of the plant.

ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

- Gather fallen autumn leaves and spread on the garden to enrich soil. Keep away from trunks.
- Lightly shape deciduous shrubs once leaves drop.
- Lightly feed most of the garden with **Complete Garden Food** or **Blood & Bone**. Dig it thoroughly.
- Only lawns of cool season grasses will need feeding this month.
- Use **Dino Fertilizer Lawn Food**, or **Troforte Fert-O-Lawn**. Sprinkle on lawn and water well.
- Divide and replant over-crowded perennials.
- Keep weeds away from bulbs and new plants.

IN THE FLOWER BED

- Remove summer flowering annuals that have finished flowering and add to the compost heap.
- Now is the time to plant spring flowering bulbs, such as Hyacinths, Tulips and Daffodils.
- Prepare soil with **Cow & Compost**, **Mulch & Compost** or **Mushroom Compost**. After mixing any of these evenly through garlic and spring flowering bulbs can be planted.
- Established annuals need a light feeding of soluble fertiliser like **Aquasol**, **Thrive Flower & Fruit**, **Miracle Gro** or **Nitrosol**. For bulbs use **Bulb Food**.
- Disbud **Chrysanthemums** for fewer but larger flower heads.
- Trim lavender and rosemary, but don't cut into old wood.
- Lift Gladioli corms after the leaves yellow and start to die.
- Check your roses for mildew and blackspot. If necessary, treat with **Triforine** or . (But only spray before foliage initiation in spring)



Camellia

Camellias have a stunning flowers through autumn to winter. They can also be ground as hedges, and Sasanquas can be espaliered against a wall.

POSITION | Camellias grow best in slightly acid soil

CARE | Apply Camellia Food during the growing season

NOTES | Camellias can also be grown in pots. Some varieties are grown for oil production from their seed and the leaves of one variety is used to produce tea.



IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN

- Lemon Scab may appear now. Fruit quality will not be affected but spray with **Copper Oxychloride**.
- Growing vegetables should be given regular feeding. **Nitrosol** or **Harvest** are suitable.
- Onions, Cauliflower, Cabbage, Broccoli and Spinach are the main vegetables to sow.
- Strawberries can be planted now to provide a good continuous crop of delicious fruit.
- Plant citrus this autumn – orange, lemon, lime or cumquat.
- The right time to pick pumpkins is when the vines are dead and the fruit stalk is dry and brittle.

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