

Handy Hints for Gardeners

Is your Garden Dry?

- Adding compost and wetting agents make the soil hold more water.
- Add one third compost to your garden bed and water in with a wetting agent.
- Water well and deep into the soil, rather than frequent shallow watering.

How do I keep plant pests away from my garden?

- No-one likes spraying for pests, and if your plants are strong & healthy they'll survive a few pests. Adding rich compost to the soil, fertilising occasionally, and mulching regularly is the key.
- The best defence is generally attracting both birds & other insects. Lots of flowers for nectar and shrubs for birds to hide in will make a huge difference.
- If you really have to spray, look for the natural products rather than man made chemicals, & try soapy water first because many bugs don't like it.

Mulching

- Mulch at 75mm deep to stop weeds.
- Droughtmaster mulch is a 3 in 1 mulch compost and wetting agent. This wets the soil, adds organic matter and suppresses weeds, all in one step
- As soil microbes break down mulch over time, they will also consume nutrients. To ensure nutrients are still available for plant growth, always fertilise your garden before mulching.

Turfing

- A roll of turf covers 1 square metre. (0.5m wide x 2m long)
- Level areas with Turf Underlay before you turf.
- Tired lawns need Topdressing with Organic Top Dressing™. Max depth 5mm
- Top Dress in early spring or early autumn.

Are you laying pavers?

- 1 cubic metre of Paving Blend covers 20 square metres to a depth of 50mm
- Sweep Sydney Sand into gaps to stop pavers from moving once laid.
- 100mm of compacted Roadbase should be laid below paving if required to support vehicles