

Welcome To Spring in the Garden.

It's spring and for me the most exciting time of the year in the garden. What we do for the next month or so will set your garden on the right track and make for a colourful and prolific season.

First of all we need to shed the dark clothes of winter growth and rid the garden of weeds and any unwanted plants. So, clean up your garden tools and prepare yourself to do a fair bit of enjoyable work. You can then look forward to the blooms, blossoms and bright foliage that your spring garden brings.

Planning Your Spring Garden Is Important.

Are you happy with your garden layout, if not it is a good time to change your borders and the hard features of the garden like paving and feature pots. Do you need to move or trim old growth from any perennials, shrubs or bushes?

Complete your winter clean-up before you make any changes or add any plants to the beds. You will want to add some nutritious mulch to liven up the soil in your spring garden beds too.

Now make a plan where you are going to place your new plants and flowers, take particular notice of the growth potential from the labels that came with the plants. make sure you place the tall behind the smalls and try to group colours where you want them to be. It certainly doesn't hurt to draw a diagram of your spring garden so you don't have to rely too much on your memory.

The level of the soil in the pots should be your guide to how deep you dig to plant your plants. Have plenty of starter plant food on hand and give everything a good water-in. Attention to planting details on the pot label regarding whether you need sun or shade will also make for better results from your efforts.

Don't Forget The Lawn.

You will need to spend a fair bit of attention on the lawn as well. Make sure you give the lawn a spray with a good 'weed and feed' mixture to help it along. I like to aerate the lawn too by digging the fork tines in all over it, and then spread Urea around and water that in too. This wakes up the grass and gives it a good bright colour for the new season.

Take your time with these springtime tasks and you will have the basis of a healthy garden to enjoy in summer and see you through to autumn.

