

Garden Guide

December

Feature Plant

Lettuce

Crunchy, crisp & delicious for your summer salads! An annual veggie that is easy to grow in a wide range of different types. These include your typical heart based varieties like Iceberg or a range of red, purple, green leafy salad varieties.

Where to plant:

You can grow lettuce very easily from seeds, but seedlings are quicker and provide an earlier harvest. If growing in a cooler region find a location that receives part sun, however in hotter regions a shady spot that receives only morning sunshine will be perfect. Lettuce plants can be grown in pots or garden beds in well-drained soil. Make sure to mulch around your plants to keep the soil and roots cool and weeds at bay.

Watering:

If establishing your plants from seed be sure to keep the soil moist but not soaked and keep them shaded until they are well established, especially if planting in the summer heat. A regular watering of established plants every couple of days should be all that is needed to keep your lettuce growing strong but don't over water as this can cause the plant to wilt and rot.

Fertilising:

When prepping your soil in a garden bed be sure to add some poultry manure pellets to the soil and turn it in well. We recommend a slow release variety like our Super Growth or Super Booster fertiliser. If planting into pots be sure to use a good quality potting mix like our Superior Blend Potting Mix. Lettuce will benefit from a dose of Katek Neptune seaweed liquid every couple of weeks to keep the roots growing strong and the plants healthy.

Harvesting:

If planted from seed you should be reaping a bountiful harvest around 25 days afterwards for the leafy salad varieties and from 40-80 days for the larger hearting varieties.

Did you know?

Neem oil prevents fungi such as mildew, rust & scab by stopping their spores from germinating. It is also a natural growth regulator.

“Planting a flower’s like opening a book, because either way you’re starting something. And your garden’s your library”

Nora Roberts





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What to Plant

Flowers

Cool Climate/Temperate

Ageratum	Alyssum	Cineraria
Cleome	Cyclamen	Forget-me-not
Iceland Poppy	Lobelia	Lupin
Marigold	Pansy	Petunia
Phlox	Stock	Verbena
Wallflower	Zinnia	

Subtropical

Ageratum	Aster	Balsam
Celosia	Coxcomb	Gomphrena
Impatiens	Marigold	Salvia
Sunflower	Torenia	Vinca

Tropical

Balsam	Celosia	Coxcomb
Gomphrena	Marigold	Petunia
Salvia	Sunflower	Torenia
Vinca		

Feature Product

LOW ODOUR FINE GRANULE BLEND

Our new product, **Lawn & Garden Booster** is a nutrient rich, fast acting fertiliser.

Finds its way into the soil quickly, avoiding being picked up by the mower.

Developed to suit all types of turf grass, ornamental plants and vege gardens.

For a lush lawn, beautiful blooms & healthy plants try Lawn & Garden Booster!

 Continually harvest herbs to keep them trim and shapely.

 Don't forget to water regularly in hot weather.

 If you've got pot plants about the house, fill saucers underneath with sand, which helps conserve moisture in the heat of summer, but also prevents mosquitos from breeding!

 Let your chickens loose in the garden to help with pests and weeds! All that scratching saves you work as well, an added bonus!

Super Chicken's Top Tips



Vegetables/Herbs

Cool Climate/Temperate

Beans	Broccoli	Celery
Eggplant	Kohlrabi	Lettuce
Mint	Potato	Pumpkin
Rockmelon	Silverbeet	Tomato

Subtropical

Basil	Beans	Capsicum
Eggplant	Tarragon	Ginger
Lettuce	Oregano	Pumpkin
Squash	Sweetcorn	Tomato

Tropical

Basil	Rosella	Sweet Potato
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