

Remember to
fertilise
your plants!

— August —

Garden Guide

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- Feature Plant - Oranges

An Orange tree is the ultimate investment that keeps giving. A simple maintenance routine will keep them producing delicious fruit year after year!

Where to Plant: At least five hours of sunshine a day is the key to productive fruiting. A north facing, sunny position is ideal. If you live in a cooler region, grow your trees near a wall that catches the sun so heat can radiate and keep them warm.

Dig in some composted poultry manure pellets when planting. Super Booster pellets are ideal.

Watering: Oranges love water, but infrequent deep watering will be the most beneficial. It is important to check that you have quick draining soil as your trees won't like being water-logged.

If water pools and doesn't drain, add some drainage or mound the soil before planting. For new plants, water twice a week until established. When the weather is dry or when fruit is forming in spring and early summer, increase the water again.

Fertilising: Poultry manure is a great, nutrient rich fertiliser for Citrus Trees. Using a product like Citrus & Fruit Fertiliser that is boosted with sulphate of potash encourages prolific fruit and flower production and enhances fruit flavour. This pelletised fertiliser can be applied every six weeks through Spring to late Autumn around the root zone and out to the drip-line.

Potassium is essential during the fruiting and flowering process. A regular feed of liquid potash will improve the colour, size, shelf life and quality of your oranges.

Fortnightly application of a seaweed concentrate like Neptune during Spring is also recommended. Neptune can be applied to the soil and foliage helps prevent disease, stimulates the soil's biology and encourages strong and health plant growth.



Mulching: Regular mulching will protect the shallow feeder roots. Keep mulch and grass away from the trunk of the tree to avoid collar-rot.

Pruning: When the tree is growing, prune young shoots to encourage bushy growth. It is a good idea to open up the centre of the plant as this will increase airflow.

When they are established, citrus trees don't need pruning to produce great fruit, but it does help the overall health of the tree to remove dead wood every few years.

What to Plant

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Flowers:

Cool Climate/Temperate Climate

Alyssum, aquilegia, begonia, calendula, cineraria, cornflower, delphinium, dianthus, erigeron, foxglove, geranium, hollyhock, larkspur, lobelia, nemesia, pansy, polyanthus, poppy, primula, ranunculus, snapdragon, stock and viola.

Sub-Tropical Climate

Alyssum, pansy, viola, gazania, dianthus, marigold, aster, impatiens.

Tropical Climate

Ageratum, aster, balsam, carnation, celosia, chrysanthemum, cockscomb, coleus, cosmos, dahlia, dianthus, everlasting daisy, gaillardia, gazania, geranium, gerbera, impatiens, kangaroo paw, African marigold, French marigold, nasturtium, petunia, portulaca, rudbeckia, salvia, snapdragon, sunflower, torenia, verbena, wallflower and zinnia.

*“If you
tickle the earth
with a hoe,
she laughs
with a harvest”*

Douglas William Jerrold

Herbs & Vegetables:

Cool Climate/Temperate Climate

Artichoke, asparagus, beetroot, broad beans, broccoli, Brussels sprout, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, celery, endive, leek, lettuce, onion, peas, snow peas, silver beet, spinach and radish. chives, curry, dill, mint, parsley, sage and thyme. chives, curry, dill, mint, parsley, sage and thyme.

Sub-Tropical Climate

Spinach, silver beet, lettuce and early-maturing cabbage. chamomile, comfrey, dill, garlic bulbs, lavender, lemon balm, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, sage, sorrel and thyme.

Tropical Climate

Broccoli, cabbage, capsicum, carrot, cauliflower, cucumber, eggplant, peas, potato, pumpkin, spinach, sweet corn and tomato. dill, garlic, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, sage, Thai coriander and thyme.

Quick Tip

If you want to sweeten tomatoes, keep up a regular regime of sprinkling common baking soda into the soil while your tomatoes are growing!

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Tasks in the Garden

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-  **Prepare Beds:** Prepare your vege and flower beds for Spring by adding composted pellets like Super Booster or Super Growth. They will build organic matter and provide essential nutrients for the growing plants.
-  **Plant Bare Rooted Trees:** Time to finish planting out any bare rooted trees, shrubs or perennials while they are dormant for winter. Include some composted manure pellets in the planting hole as they are rich in organic matter.
-  **Mulch:** Re-mulch your garden beds as the weather starts to warm up. The ideal depth is about 10cm deep to stop weeds growing through. Not Just Mulch is perfect as it gives the plants a boost of nutrients as well as keeping moisture in!
-  **Roses:** Spray with Lime Sulphur. It is good timing to prepare beds for planting out bare-root roses. Dig in a product like Super Growth which is rich in organic matter.
-  **Fertilise:** It is time to fertilise winter growing vegetables mid morning with Super Growth liquid fertiliser to encourage healthy growth.
-  **Start off Seedlings Indoors:** If it is too cold as yet to plant your vegetable seedlings outside, start them off indoors to get them ready to transplant in Spring.
-  **Frosts:** Reduce frost injury by gently hosing over plants first thing in the morning. Don't remove frost-damaged sections of plants to provide protection to the still growing plants underneath.
-  **Seaweed:** To aid plant health this time of year, water every 3 weeks with Neptune Seaweed Liquid to build up root and disease resistance and help

Winter Fertilising

Neptune Seaweed Concentrate on vegetables & herbs, fruit trees & flowering plants to keep them healthy.

Lawn & Garden Booster over the lawn to improve root growth and keep the lawn healthy over winter

Super Growth or Super Booster in the planting hole or dug through the beds for new plantings

Natives may need a boost with Super Growth Liquid or Neptune.

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