

# Central's Tips

## September 2022



Prepare for a great summer harvest, condition and feed the soil, get the strawberry bed ready and install climbing frames ready for tomatoes and beans. Add some lemon flavours in the herb garden.

Trimming evergreens, feeding the garden and mulching are traditional spring tasks. Layer the mulch around plants and stake new trees. Look for new seedlings popping up around favourite plants, plus give the lawn some love.



### The fruit and vegetable garden

- **Condition soil organically ahead of planting out vegetables** by applying at least two of these top products - compost, sheep pellets, ground mussel shells and Morganic organic fertilizer
- **Blood and bone is a gentle boost of nitrogen** around blueberries and strawberries as they produce the first flower buds. Place pea straw around developing strawberries to keep weeds out and the moisture in
- **'Architectural' edibles in the vegetable garden:** plant globe artichokes, cavolo nero and bay or upright rosemary
- **Install decorative climbing frames:** bamboo teepees and metal stakes add vertical interest and will support beans, cucumbers tomatoes etc.
- **Seeds or seedlings that can be sown directly:** carrots, parsnip, radishes, fennel, mesclun mix, bok choy and lettuces
- **Useful summer herbs to plant in early spring** include parsley, coriander, dill, chervil, sage and oregano
- **Sort some lemon flavours for summer cooking:** lemongrass, lemon thyme and lemon verbena all add magic to cordials and syrups, marinades, and tea infusions

### The ornamental garden

- **Pep up the garden areas by fertilising with Prolawn All Purpose.** It's fast acting and will replenish nutrients that have washed through gardens in the heavy rain
- **Time to trim topiaries and hedges and fertilise,** then add mulch around them
- **Fertilise roses and check for aphids.** Squashing them by hand is easy with small colonies, otherwise you may need to spray. An organic remedy, Aquaticus 'Bugtrol' will do the trick
- **Free plants - Look out for seedlings around the 'mother' plants** in the garden - NZ grasses, native trees and shrubs and flowering perennials often produce babies that you can transplant now
- **Mow the lawn once it's dried out.** We're very excited by the organic lawn products Lawnganics and recommend ROOTS as spray to apply for healthy turf growing conditions
- **There are some great spring-flowering shrubs around to enjoy.** Try blue flowered Californian lilac (ceanothus), there's a range of azaleas in many hues, plus many rhododendrons flower from now onwards

## Project for September

### Raised garden beds

Create a raised garden for your summer vegetables using our range of hardwood sleepers for a rustic or modern look. Once constructed, line raised bed with a thick plastic sheet and then fill with garden mix or veggie mix. Now to get planting!

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