

October – Gardening Calendar for Temperate Australia

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October is the mid-spring period, flowers bloom in abundance, the warmer weather with rain bringing ideal conditions for lush plant growth. The cold weather hasn't quite finished yet, cold nights and even frosts can still be expected, along with strong winds, so it's important to protect tender plants and seedlings.

Things to Do This Month:

- Plant evergreen shrubs and trees (this includes citrus trees).
- Relocate evergreen shrubs - they can now regrow their roots during the mild weather.
- Set up windbreaks (e.g. plastic tree guards) to protect newly planted evergreen trees and shrubs.
- Plant potted fruit trees and vines (having roots, can be planted anytime, best in spring & autumn).
- Relocate any self-seeded annuals to better locations in the garden.
- Tidy up overgrown plants and tie growing vines back to supports or wires.
- Continue propagating plants by taking cuttings or layering (both ground layering and air layering).
- Feed brambleberries (raspberries, blackberries & hybrids) and currants.
- Last chance to remove dead winter growth, and to dig up and divide perennial plants
- Clean out ponds and water gardens, divide waterlilies, plant new aquatic plants.

Vegetables and Herbs to Sow:

Sow in October		Harvest (weeks)	Sow in October		Harvest (weeks)
Amaranth	ds	7-8	Lettuce	ds	8-12
Angelica	ds	18 months	Marrow	d	12-17
Asparagus	d	2-3 years	Mustard greens	d	5-8
Asparagus Pea	d	8-11	NZ Spinach	s	8-10
Beetroot	ds	7-10	Okra	ds	11-14
Borage	ds	8-10	Oregano	s	6-8
Burdock	d	17-18	Parsley	ds	9-19
Cape Gooseberry	ds	14-16	Parsnip	d	17-20
Carrot	d	12-18	Potato	d	15-20
Celeriac	s	14-28	Pumpkin	ds	15-20
Celery	s	17-18	Radish	d	5-7
Chicory	d	16-24	Rhubarb	d	12 months
Chinese cabbage	ds	8-10	Rocket	d	21-35 days
Chives	ds	7-11	Rockmelon	ds	10-16
Climbing beans	d	9-11	Rosella	s	21-25
Coriander	d	30-45	Rosemary	d	12 months
Cucumber	d	8-10	Sage	d	18 months
Daikon	d	8-10	Salsify	d	14-21
Dill	d	8-12	Silverbeet	ds	7-12
Dwarf beans	d	7-10	Spring onions	d	8-12
Endive	ds	10-11	Summer savory	d	6-10
Fennel	d	14-15	Sunflower	ds	10-11
French tarragon	d	30-40 days	Sweet corn	ds	11-14
Globe artichokes	s	42-57	Sweet Marjoram	s	8-10
Horseradish	d	16-24	Turnip	d	6-9
Jerusalem Artichokes	d	15-20	Yacon	d	25
Kohlrabi	d	7-10	Yam/Oka	d	15-20
Lemon Balm	s	8-10			

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It's November, the last month of spring, the weather is moderate, deciduous trees are in leaf again, days are warm and there's lots of green growth in the garden. The changeable and windy weather from October continues, but now there's also the possibility of very sudden hot weather striking without warning so it's important to protect plants from sun and wind. Also, regularly water newly planted trees and shrubs as the hot weather and strong winds can quickly dry out the soil.

Things to Do This Month:

- Mulch around fruit trees and plants to retain moisture in the soil and prevent water loss from evaporation (keep mulch away from plant stems and trunks as this can cause stem rot/collar rot).
- Mulch strawberries by placing straw underneath to keep the berries off the soil.
- Propagate strawberries from runners.
- Plant potted fruit trees and vines (having roots, can be planted anytime, best in spring & autumn).
- Tie growing vines back to supports or wires.
- Propagating plants by taking softwood (green) cuttings from now till January (after which they harden off).
- Last chance to plant evergreen shrubs and trees (this includes citrus trees).
- In ponds and water gardens, thin out existing aquatic plants, continue planting new ones, fertilise aquatic plants and feed fish regularly.

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