



# December Gardening Guide

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## Look After Your Plants

If you have pots and containers look to move them around into areas that aren't getting direct sunlight all day. I have found that my pots are in all-day sun and they are not enjoying it. I had a search around for a good spot to put them so they get a bit of sunshine, but mostly are shaded. They seem to be a bit happier now and are coping better with this heat.

Watering should be done in the early morning or late evening. Sprinklers operating during the day are pretty ineffective, especially if the mercury is tipping 30 degrees! My latest purchase has been a Gardena 2-hour water timer from our Intelligro shop. It is so easy to use, and makes watering so much easier. We set it in the evening just before bed, and then it works its magic in the cooler temperature and then turns itself off. We love that we are getting water to our plants without it all evaporating in the heat.

Heading away over Christmas? Here is a cool idea to keep your plants watered if you don't have an irrigation system

### **How to make DIY Ollas — Low Tech Self-Watering Systems for Plants**

<https://lovelygreens.com/2017/06/how-to-make-diy-ollas-low-tech-self-watering-systems-for-plants.html>



## Hungry Plants

If you've had your veggie boxes planted up for a few months now, it could be time to add some more fertiliser in there for your crops. If you have been planting in the same mix for months, the veggies will have used a lot of the fertiliser that was in the mix when you purchased it. The fertiliser that we add to the mix is designed to feed the first rotation of crops (it lasts 3-4 months). As your plants grow, they use up those nutrients, leaving very little for the next lot of planting. By adding in more slow-release fertiliser (Intellicote) or organic products such as blood and bone, sheep pellets or chicken pellets, you will provide your new plants with the food they require to grow. Have a talk to our team about what is going to best suit the plants that you are fertilising



## Prune and Fertilise your Citrus

Trim your lemon and other citrus trees now to help generate new growth and create a better airflow around the plant. Fertilise with our Intelligro Citrus Fertiliser to give them an extra boost of nutrients for producing their fruit. Through the hot, dry summer you will need to keep up the watering. If you struggle to keep the moisture in the soil, add a layer of bark mulch around the plant to help reduce evaporation and keep the soil cooler.

## Intelligro Christmas Hours

Monday 18th December – Saturday 23rd December 8am – 5pm

Sunday 24th December 9am – 12pm

**Christmas Day CLOSED**

**Boxing Day CLOSED**

Wednesday 27th December – Saturday 30th December 8am – 5pm

Sunday 31st December 9am – 12pm

**New Year's Day CLOSED**

**Tuesday 2nd January CLOSED**

Wednesday 3rd January – Saturday 6th January 8am – 5pm

Sunday 7th January 9am – 4pm

Monday 8th January – Resume Normal Trading

