

Your June Gardening Guide

We are now officially in the winter months! Although June brings the shortest day there are still tasks to be done. This is the optimum time for planting garlic, shallots, strawberries, winter veggies, winter flowers such as pansies, primulas and cyclamen, hedging plants, camellias, and deciduous trees. It is also a good time to add bark sheep pellets, compost and a layer of bark mulch.



Planting

Garlic is traditionally planted on the shortest day of the year, which is 21st June, and harvested on the longest day, 21st December. Once it's planted keep the area weed free and then they pretty much look after themselves. Garlic likes a well-drained soil and a sunny spot. You can plant in the garden as well as in pots. If you are planting them in the garden prepare the ground with compost and sheep pellets. If you are planting in pots then use our patio plus mix, and make sure the pots have drainage holes – garlic does not like wet feet.

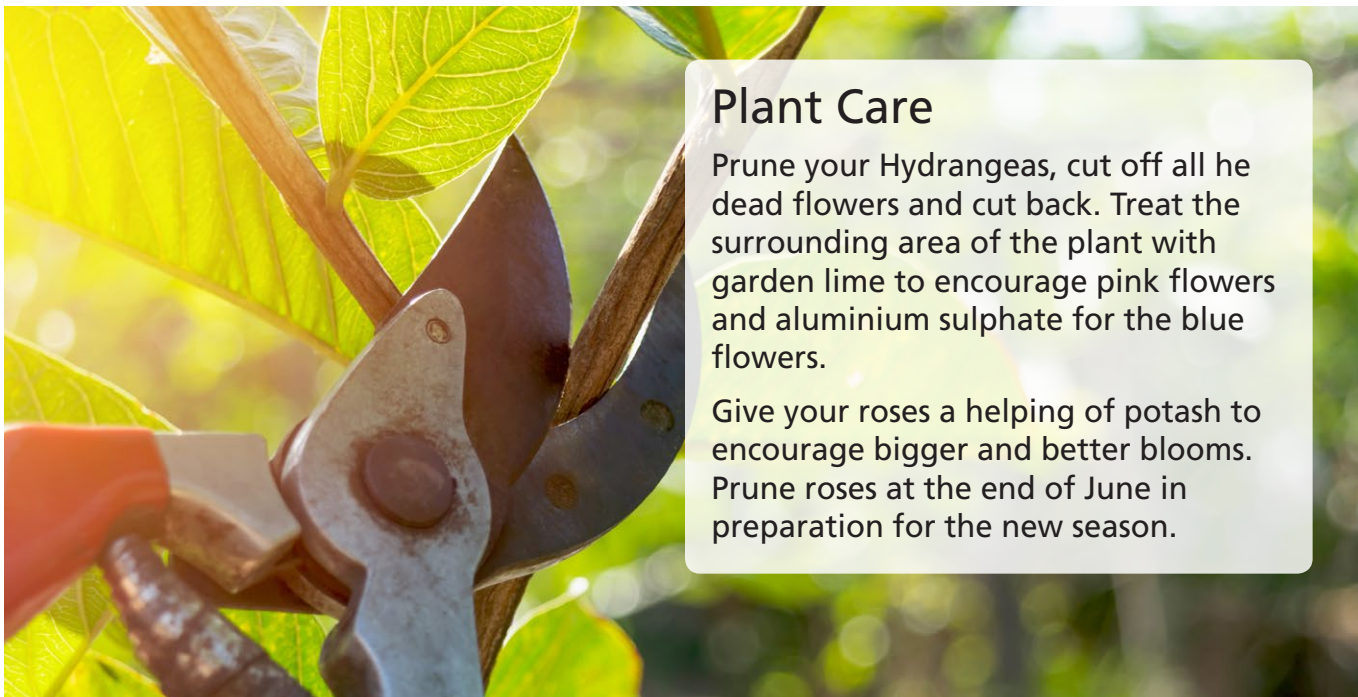
Plant fruit trees now while they are in their dormant state. There will be a good selection in the nurseries now. Citrus trees are also in abundance at this time for planting now. You can prune existing fruit trees if they have finished their fruiting. Be sure to choose a dry, fine day to prune as this reduces the chances of diseases. Fruit trees (not citrus), can benefit from both a Summer cut which helps the tree size wise and it gives you a chance to cut off any dead branches etc. In the Winter pruning is easier as the trees are bare and you can see what you are doing, this is helpful for the structure of the tree.

Get your hedging plants in and established. Use Corokias or Buxus for smaller hedges and Eugenias, Griselinias or Pittosporums for bigger hedges.

Daphne is one of the most fragrant of all shrubs and they flower in Winter and in Spring, so they are just divine to have in your garden. They do like a mostly shaded area, in a rich well-draining soil.

Strawberries are ideally planted at this time, but they need to be in and established before the big frosts hit. They will have bigger better fruit in the Summer if they endure the cold weather first.

Lilies can be planted now (through until September). These gorgeous plants grow very easily, just dig through some compost before planting, cover them with around 10cm of soil and let them do their thing.



Plant Care

Prune your Hydrangeas, cut off all the dead flowers and cut back. Treat the surrounding area of the plant with garden lime to encourage pink flowers and aluminium sulphate for the blue flowers.

Give your roses a helping of potash to encourage bigger and better blooms. Prune roses at the end of June in preparation for the new season.

Kids in the garden/kitchen

Who doesn't love pizza?! Here's an option that will appeal to even the fussiest eater - a fruit pizza. It can be made from scratch with your favourite pizza base, or if you prefer buy a base from the supermarket. Another option could be to make a giant pancake and decorate from there. Use your imagination for the pizza 'sauce', crème fraiche is great, but you can use anything you fancy really – try a berry coulis, custard, cream, chocolate or caramel sauce. Let your imagination run wild with the topping – the fruits you use will be seasonal (or canned), this time of year you can use – Kiwi fruit, fejoas, mandarins, pineapple, peaches, bananas. This could be served hot or cold and its great for sharing.



Congratulations, to our Mother's Day prize winner – We hope you are enjoying your prize!

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What's on?

Arbour Day

This is a day where people are encouraged to plant and care for trees. It originated in America, but is celebrated around the world.

As we know, trees are essential for life. Turn this special day into a mini biology lesson for the kids, get out into the fresh air and plant some trees!

For more information have a look at NZArb's website

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OPENING HOURS

Monday – Saturday
8am – 5pm

Sunday – 9am – 4pm

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Labour Day 9am – 4pm

Canterbury Anniversary
9am – 4pm

Closed all other public holidays

Rose Workshop

Sunday 23rd June at 1pm. Only \$10 a ticket

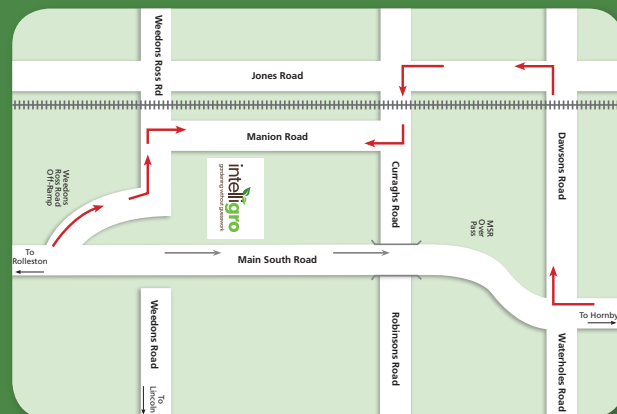
(limited spots available).

With Guest Speaker: Glenn Wright from South Pacific Roses.

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New developments on SH1 with closure of Curraghs Rd, in and out of the Main South Rd. From south the easiest way to get to us is using the West Melton/Rolleston to off ramp on the Main South Road which will put you on to Weedons Ross Rd. Follow the road around, turn right on to Manion Rd, before the railway line. Coming in from the city turn right into Dawsons Road, left into Jones Road, left into Curraghs Road, over the railway and right into Manion Road.

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