

Jobs to do in OCTOBER!

- Compost – Keep compost piles damp and turn often
- Compost – compost and mulch well to conserve water with the coming summer heat
- Compost – compost and mulch asparagus
- Fertilize – feed tomatoes with magnesium (Epsom salts) 1 tablespoon Epsom salts to 9 litres water
- Fertilize – apply fertilizer tea to young grapes, rhubarb, mango, passionfruit, pawpaw, bananas, melons asparagus, cabbage, leek, lettuce, silverbeet
- Fertilize – apply seaweed tea to grapes, pawpaw and ½ strength tea to kiwifruit
- Maintenance – hand pollinate passionfruit if your vine isn't fruiting and companion plant with Queen Anne's Lace and cosmos to attract bees
- Maintenance – prepare garden beds with temporary shade for the coming summer heat
- Pests – watch for fruit fly on tomatoes and capsicums and cover with exclusion bags
- Pests – watch for bronze orange citrus bug and spray with pyrethrum or knock off into a bucket of soapy water
- Pests – spray citrus with horticultural oil to disrupt wasps laying eggs
- Water – deeply water fruit trees once fruit appears

What have we planted this month?

- African & French marigold
- Asparagus
- Beans (bush & climbing)
- Asian greens
- Beetroot

What have we planted this month...cont.?

- Cabbage
- Carrot
- Chives
- Cucumber
- Eggplant
- Grain crops
- Lemon grass
- Mediterranean herbs
- Mint
- NZ spinach
- Oregano
- Passionfruit
- Pumpkin
- Rocket
- Rosella
- Silverbeet
- Summer squash
- Sweet potato
- Tomato
- Watermelon
- Capsicum/chilli
- Choko
- Cosmos
- Dandelion
- Ginger
- Hyssop
- Lettuce
- Marjoram
- Nasturtium
- Okra
- Parsley
- Paw paw
- Radish
- Rockmelon
- Rue
- Spring onions
- Sweet corn
- Sweet & purple basil
- Watercress
- Zucchini