

Autumn Gardening in Perth – Your Checklist for Success

With Autumn's arrival, it's the perfect time to rejuvenate Perth's sandy soils – bringing your garden back to full health (and grow productive crops - if you're looking at growing vegies and herbs).

Here's a few questions & tips to get you on the right track to a greener garden: -

- ✓ What areas of your garden have been successful over summer? What areas haven't been? What is the difference between these areas? Can you replicate the conditions of the successful area to help your garden survive next year? Would you like a soil test done to check on any problem areas?
- ✓ What areas need replenishing or replanting for Autumn? What do you intend to plant out? Are you needing new garden beds? Or is your garden too big? How can you reduce the level of work & water you're currently providing?
- ✓ What soil amendment(s) do you need to do prior to planting? Do you need to improve water holding? Or just nutrients? Green Life Soil Co can certainly offer advice to Perth gardeners when it comes to soil! Do you need to update/repair reticulation?
- ✓ Are you growing new crops from seed? Or are you buying established plants for your garden? Have you researched varieties? Do you need to order plants? Planning ahead will mean you don't have to accept what's sitting on the nursery shelf; you'll have a wider choice. Most nurseries would be happy to order in plants for you (and may even give you a better deal if you're looking at a larger order).
- ✓ Plan your project in stages & avoid overwhelm. It doesn't have to be done in one weekend. Plan clearing the garden bed of old plants & debris, fixing retic, improving soil, planting, mulching as separate tasks and it will seem more manageable. Use our flow chart to work out what you may require - or contact us; we're happy to help.
- ✓ Do you need help? Gardeners & Perth landscapers will be getting busier once it cools down and people are thinking about garden projects. Ring around to check prices & availability of reputable helpers, and book in ahead of time to avoid disappointment and any potential supply & demand price fluctuations. Maybe check in with friends & relatives and 'bribe' them with a BBQ or meal and make it a social catch up too! Interested in joining a Permaculture group? Permablitzes can provide you with helpers - with the understanding that everybody pitches in and helps others in the group in turn. Many hands make light work, and you may get to meet likeminded local gardeners and make new friends.



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- ✓ Do you need inspiration? Most landscape designers will offer cost-effective on-site visits to give you ideas and help you visualise the potential under your nose. Whether you want a full plan drawn up, or some informal, verbal advice in a walk around, you will pay for a consultation from a professional – but you will save money in the long run by having a coherent vision to work towards, and you'll make less mistakes.

A new season around the corner brings the opportunity for a fresh start; so be ready for the cooler weather and embrace *YOUR* best Green Life.

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