

NOVEMBER IN YOUR GARDEN

November can be a busy time in the garden as our days are getting warmer & longer but its still cool enough to be in the Veggie patch. Here are a few things to do around the garden over the next month.

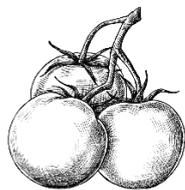
- Spring Prune if you think that the last frost has been
- Mulching is a great way to protect your plants root systems, keep soils cooler and lower evaporation. In the Veggie patch I use either Sugar cane Mulch or Pea Straw as its easy to use and slowly breaks down.
- Keep veggie gardens weeded so your new seedlings and seeds do not have to compete for light, water and food. Watering is preferable in the morning.
- Snails are out looking for all the yummy fresh growth in your garden. Keep reading for tips on how to deter them.

WHAT TO PLANT

 Seedlings to plant- Beetroot, Capsicum, Carrot, Chilli, Cucumber
Eggplant ,Lettuce ,Pumpkin ,Rocket ,Silverbeet ,Sweet corn
Tomato, Zucchini

 Seeds to plant- Beans, Melon, Pumpkin, Radish, Calendula, Marigold
Nasturtium, Squash, Zucchini

 Herbs to plant- Basil, Chives, Oregano, Sage, Rosemary, Thyme



RECYCLE / REUSE

When sowing your seeds, it's great to sow them in a way that is easy to transplant them into garden when they have reached a good size. In my garden I use toilet or paper towel rolls or even just rolled up newspaper. By doing this it reduces root damage and seedling shock when you plant them into your growing pots, raised beds or garden.

As you are sowing your seeds or planting seedlings into your Veggie garden there are many pests just waiting to either eat those beautiful new shoots. A great way to protect them is to use your old plastic soft drink, water or milk

bottles. Cut the bottom out of them and discard the cap. Put bottle over top of seedling to act like a mini glasshouse.

SNAILS

Snails can really ruin a wonderful day in the garden. Here are a few suggestions on how to deter them naturally in your garden.

1. Place an empty half orange upside down in the garden. Leave a little entrance for the snails to get under. The next morning you will hopefully find the citrus cup full of snails and slugs which you can get rid of.
2. A shallow dish of beer (any brand they are not fussy) to attract the snails over, then they have a drink and fall into the dish.
3. Coffee, which snails do not like can be made into a spray. Mix an espresso with 10 parts water and spray on & around plants you are trying to protect.
4. Crushed Eggshells are great as the snails do not like the feel of them. They say its like crawling over broken glass.
5. Wood shavings or sawdust also do the same sort of job as the eggshells but break down more readily in the garden.



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