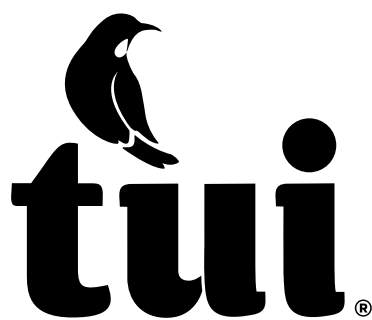


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# SUMMER IN THE GARDEN!

Summer is an exciting time in the garden as your spring planting efforts come to life! There's plenty of summer-loving goodies to enjoy freshly picked from the garden and shared with family and friends.

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Drinks from the garden? Plant a half wine barrel with citrus and herbs for the perfect summer drinks garden! Follow our guide on [page 7](#).



To help you create a home and garden you love, discover our step by step guide to Growing Veges All Year Round on [page 5](#), and our tips to creating a Potted Plant Oasis both indoors and outdoors on [page 3](#).



Turn to [page 4](#) to explore the new Tui website and growing guide including days to harvest for your favourite summer crops.

Be inspired by someone else's Pride of Place on [page 8](#) as Elien Lewis shares her Porirua piece of paradise and how she grows in a small space with limited sun.



Elien Lewis

## Share your summer garden snaps and win!

We love seeing what you're growing in your garden! Share your summer garden snaps with [#tuissummersnaps](#). Tag [@tuigardenandhome](#) for your snap to be featured. From summer-loving crops to vibrant beautiful blooms, we want to see it! Entries close 22 February 2019. Three [#tuissummersnaps](#) winners will each win this pack to give their garden a boost!



# PRIDE OF PLACE

## CREATE A POTTED PLANT OASIS

Easy, eye-catching and fun, container plants filled with luscious green foliage, beautiful blooms or flavoursome fruit are a great way to extend your garden both outdoors and indoors. Follow our guide to inject some green into your living spaces this season.



## SHOPPING LIST

- Tui All Purpose Potting Mix
- Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic
- Tui Enrich Pots & Containers Controlled Release Fertiliser

## 01 PREPARE

The better the soil, the better your plants will grow. Healthy soil is especially important when growing in a limited area.

When planting in pots or containers, choose a potting mix that is free draining and is suited to what you are planting. **Tui All Purpose Potting Mix** is specially formulated to give the best start to your indoor and outdoor plants in pots and containers.

Choose a container that is a suitable size for your plants. Ensure the container has enough capacity to house the 'roots' of the crops you want to grow. Drainage is also essential.

FOR MORE GUIDES AND TIPS TO GROWING IN POTS AND CONTAINERS VISIT

[tuiproducts.co.nz](http://tuiproducts.co.nz)

## 02 PLANT

### Indoor plant options:

- Larger options: fiddle leaf fig, monstera, weeping fig, rubber tree, drasena magnata, mother in laws tongue, alocasia.
- Smaller options: string of pearls, maidenhair fern, ivy, Boston fern, goldfish plant.

### Outdoor plants:

- A useful system is to plant a 'Feature', 'Filler' and a 'Spiller' in larger pots. e.g. a fruit tree as the 'Feature', lavender as a 'Filler', and then a flowering plant which will 'Spill' over the edge of the container.

Outdoor plant options: dwarf fruit trees, ficus tuffy, benjamina, shrubs, grasses, pansy, petunia, cyclamen and calendula.

- Soak plants in a bucket of **Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic** and allow to drain. This will help prevent transplant shock.
- Partly fill your container with **Tui All Purpose Potting Mix**.
- Gently loosen the root ball of your plant and position the plant in the container. If planting multiple plants, space the plants accordingly in the container.
- Fill your container with **Tui All Purpose Potting Mix** up to 3cm from the top.
- Press soil gently around the base of the plant.
- Water plants well after planting.

## 03 NOURISH

Feed your plants and they will reward you. Plants use nutrients from the soil as they grow. A controlled release fertiliser within **Tui All Purpose Potting Mix** will keep feeding for up to six months.

Continuing to replenish nutrients will ensure your plants remain healthy. **Tui Enrich Pots & Containers Controlled Release Fertiliser** promotes optimum growth through its specialised triple action formula. Well watered, well nourished plants will have a better chance of keeping insect pests and diseases at bay.

### Tui Tips

Plants grown in containers require regular watering. It's best to water deeply twice a week rather than a little each day to encourage deep roots.

Water in the morning or evening to avoid water evaporation.



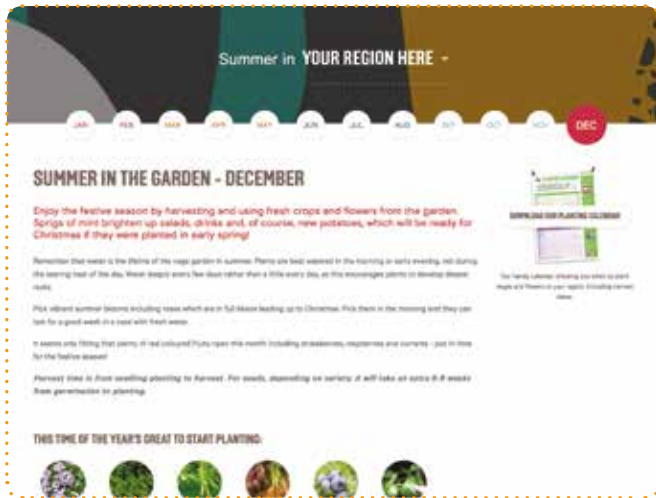


# SUMMER GARDENING GUIDE

Explore the new Tui website to discover planting information, guides, tips and inspiration for a successful summer garden.

## WHAT TO PLANT THIS SUMMER

Discover what veges, fruit and flowers to plant in your region each month of summer.



## IDEAS & INSPIRATION

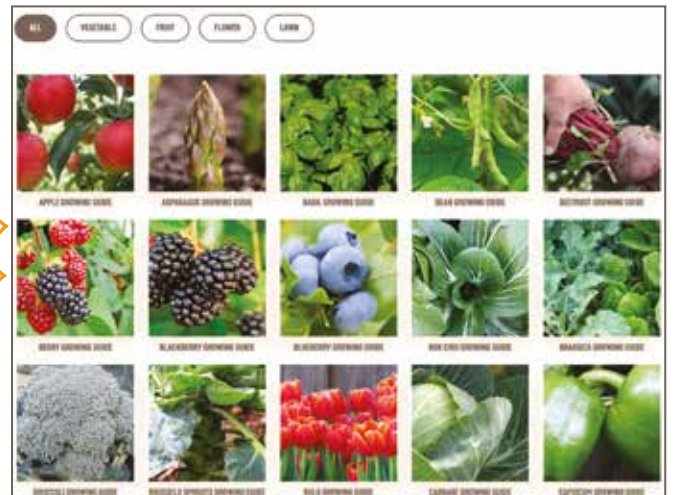
From DIY projects and seasonal guides, to top tips and recipes, our fun and visual hub is full of inspiration and education, whether you're a new or experienced gardener.



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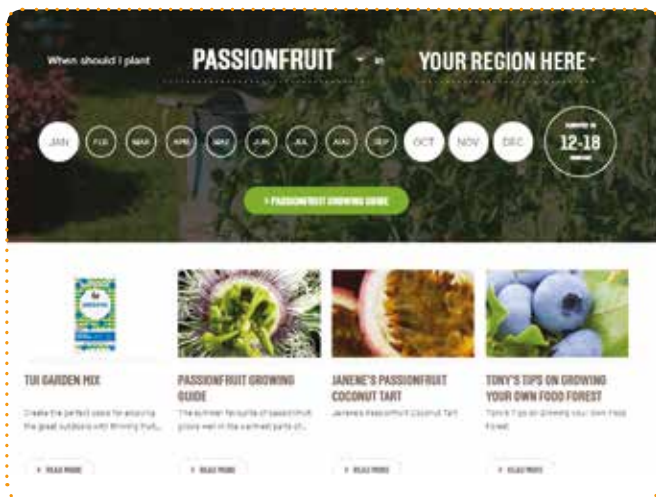
## GROWING GUIDES

Follow our easy step by step planting guides to grow your favourite veges, fruit and flowers.



## KNOW WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO PLANT?

Find out when to plant a specific crop and the number of days to harvest, and follow the link to our step by step guide.



## WANT MORE GARDENING INSPIRATION?

Join the Tui newsletter for helpful garden tips, guides and giveaways to your inbox every fortnight! We'll help you create a garden you love and can be proud of. Visit [tuiproducts.co.nz](https://tuiproducts.co.nz) to join.

# PRIDE OF PLACE

## GROW VEGES ALL YEAR ROUND

Whether your vege patch is bursting with salad greens for summer barbeques, or carrots and leeks for hearty winter soups, nothing beats the satisfaction of 'growing your own'. Follow our never fail guide to ensure success in your patch.



### SHOPPING LIST

- Tui Vegetable Mix
- Tui Compost
- Tui Sheep Pellets
- Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic
- Tui NovaTec Premium Fertiliser
- Tui Quash
- Vegetable plants: basil, beetroot – Bull's Blood, Italian parsley, kale, lettuce, rocket, spinach, spring onions

### 01 PREPARE

For the best chance of success plant vegetables at the appropriate time of year – the **planting calendar** on our website ([www.tuigarden.co.nz/growing-guides/calendar/](http://www.tuigarden.co.nz/growing-guides/calendar/)) has a handy list detailing what to plant each month, based on your region.

For our never fail vege garden we chose: basil, beetroot – Bull's Blood, Italian parsley, kale, lettuce, rocket, spinach and spring onions.

Once you have selected your plants, it is time to get the soil prepared – the better the soil, the better your veges will grow.

If you are starting with an existing garden bed dig in organic matter like **Tui Sheep Pellets** and **Tui Compost** to your soil.

Then you can add a layer of **Tui Vegetable Mix**, a high quality mix containing the right blend of nutrients to provide your veges with the best possible start and sustained growth throughout the season.

### 02 PLANT

The best times to plant are early in the morning or late in the day, so the plants aren't exposed to the hot sun straight away.

- Soak seedlings in a bucket of **Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic** and allow to drain. This will help prevent transplant shock.
- Dig a hole, approximately twice the depth and width of the root ball of your plant.
- Gently loosen the root ball of your plant and position the plant in the centre of the hole.
- Press soil gently around the base of the plant.
- Water your vege plants well.
- Sprinkle **Tui Quash** around seedlings to prevent slugs and snails beating you to your crop.

### 03 NOURISH

Feed your veges and they will feed you. Plants use nutrients from the soil as they grow, so replenishing the nutrients ensures your veges grow to their full potential.

**Tui NovaTec Premium** fertiliser is a great option for all veges that provides sustained feeding for up to four months. Keep your garden regularly watered too, as a well watered, well nourished vegetable garden will have a better chance of keeping insect pests and diseases at bay.

#### Tui Tips

Leafy crops like spinach, rocket and lettuce can be harvested a leaf at a time, so you can pick as you need.

A fortnightly application of **Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic** will help your veges flourish.

FOR MORE GUIDES AND TIPS TO GROWING VEGES ALL YEAR ROUND

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# SUMMER WATER SAVING ESSENTIALS

Water is the lifeline of the garden and over these warmer months keeping plants well watered can be a challenge. Discover top tips and follow our product guide to help conserve moisture and stop plants drying out in your garden.

## TUI MULCH & FEED

A two in one combination that provides the benefits of mulching while replacing vital nutrients used by plants.



## TUI COMPOST

Compost is an excellent water saver, it improves the soil by increasing moisture holding capacity.



## TUI ORGANIC SEAWEED PLANT TONIC

Don't just water your garden! Add Tui Organic Seaweed to your watering can at least once a month for an extra boost and to help plants cope with drought and extremes in temperatures.



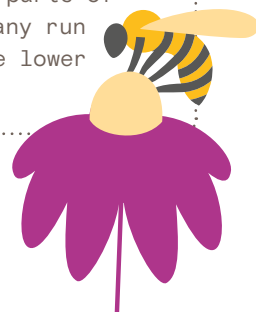
## DEBCO SATURAID

A summer must-have, SaturAid granular soil wetter promotes even water distribution, assisting water reaching the root zone of plants and reducing water use by up to 50%.



## Tui Tips

- How you water your plants has a significant impact on how much water is absorbed by plant roots. Irrigation systems like soak hoses and dripper irrigation systems that water into soil, rather than onto plants, are the most efficient - they ensure plant roots grow deeper and are more resilient to dry conditions.
- Water in the morning or evening to avoid water evaporation.
- Take care to water the soil rather than the foliage, as this can spread disease.
- A good deep soak every few days is better than shallow watering every day. This will encourage deep roots and help plants to better survive short term drought.
- Check the moisture of your soil. If the soil is moist 10 centimetres below the surface it should be fine, if it is dry at this level it needs to be watered. In hot weather you may want to check the moisture every four to seven days.
- Water the highest parts of the garden first, any run off will go to the lower dry areas.



## FRUIT TREE IRRIGATION REQUIREMENTS from Kate Marshall at Waimea Nurseries

This table shows the usual watering requirements for young trees up to four years after planting. Take into account the soil moisture, rainfall and tree stress symptoms when implementing this regime. It is to be used as guide. If the plants are showing signs of water stress, then more irrigation is required, and if there is a lot of rain, then less is required!

Years after planting/soil type	Heavy/clay soil	Loamy/silt soil	Sandy soil
Year 1	4 litres, once per week	4 litres, twice per week	4 litres, 2-3 times per week
Year 2	4 litres, once per week	4 litres, twice per week	4 litres, 2-3 times per week
Year 3	8 litres, once per fortnight	8 litres, once per week	8 litres, 1-2 times per week
Year 4 onwards	Once established, trees should only need watering during dry periods in summer.		





# GARDENING HACKS

## SUMMER DRINKS GARDEN

Rather drink punch than grow veges? Then this summer drinks garden including delicious fruit and garden-fresh herbs is for you!

### SHOPPING LIST

- Lime tree
- Basil / mint / pineapple sage
- Half wine barrel
- Tui Pot Power
- Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic
- Garden staples – gloves, bucket, watering can, hand trowel

### QUICK EASY STEPS:



To watch a step by step video of this Tui Gardening Hack visit [tuiproducts.co.nz](http://tuiproducts.co.nz)



# MY PRIDE OF PLACE: HOMEGROWN HAPPINESS NZ

**I'm Elien, I live in Porirua which is on the outskirts of Wellington. My garden is on a terraced hill which is surrounded by houses and tall trees. This means sunlight is an issue, particularly in winter, but it's reasonably sheltered from wind which in Wellington is no small feat.**

I started my garden just over three years ago, initially beginning with two raised beds. I quickly outgrew these though as once I started planting I just wanted to add more. Sunlight was also playing a part as it never stayed in one place long and the raised beds we had built that got sun in summer got nothing in winter. In winter, sunnier parts of my vegetable garden get 1-2 hours of sun and in summer the sunniest spots get 4-6 hours.

As my vegetable garden is less than 100m<sup>2</sup>, building more raised beds wasn't a good option. Instead, I adopted a no-dig gardening method that meant I could use the entire space available. I wasn't limited to borders and I could plant in every corner that got sun. I could create a vegetable patch anywhere just by laying newspaper or cardboard directly on the ground, then layering on compost, manure and mulch. An instant garden without any hard work. Soon my entire space became a no-dig vegetable garden.

Because of the limited sun, I have to be extra prepared when sowing and planting. Everything we want to harvest in winter has to be sown late summer as once autumn and winter come the sun hours drop so dramatically. In winter nothing in my garden grows very big but we make sure to use the entire plants when possible, leaves, stalks and all (think broccoli and cauliflower!). In spring I start my heat-lovers extra early to give them a big enough jump start to combat the lack of sun and keep them inside until planting time. I also try and use height when I can to reach the sun and save on space with trellises and frames.

My garden is tricky but I love it. The fact that I have to put extra effort into planning how I plant and what I plant, has got me even more invested, especially since it's actually working and we can harvest from it continuously. It's given me hope that you don't need a flat, sun-trap of a section to grow fresh food.

My favourite season is autumn when the bulk of the harvesting happens and I spend time preserving any excess we have to last us through winter. My favourite summer vegetables to grow are beans and pumpkins.

## **My top three gardening tips are:**

- 1 Plant what you love. There's no point planting a whole bed of silverbeet if you're not going to eat it!
- 2 Plant a mixture of quick growing crops and long-term ones so there's always something to harvest. Radish, spring onions, lettuce, baby beets and turnips can fill your plate while you wait for your cauliflower.
- 3 Love your garden. Take the time to go in and check on it every few days. It's so much easier to stay on top of pests, weeds and problems if you do a little, often.

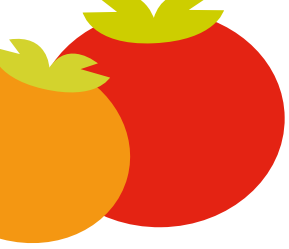
**BY ELIEN LEWIS**

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# SUMMER ENTERTAINER'S GARDEN

Go from garden to table with ease this summer by growing delicious ingredients for your favourite summer meals. It's not only about the edibles – spruce up your entertaining space with some luscious green foliage to complete your entertaining oasis.

## SUMMER SALADS

If BBQs are your summer staple meal, mix and match the below salad suggestions and enjoy tasty, fresh ingredients at your fingertips.

- **Salad green staples:** mesclun, spinach, lettuce, rocket, spring onions. Pick the leafy greens as you need and they will grow back.
- **Extras to suit your cooking and tastebuds:** Radish, cucumber, tomatoes, sweetcorn, basil, coriander, parsley, radish, mint (for your new potatoes!) Don't forget to plant marigolds as companion plants to help deter insect pests.

Before planting prepare your soil well by digging in compost and **Tui Sheep Pellets**. Then add a layer of **Tui Vegetable Mix**. If planting in pots and containers fill with **Tui Vegetable Mix**.

**Going on holiday?** Create a portable garden so you can still enjoy fresh delights while you're away from home. Choose a container that can be easily transported once it is planted up and fill with your favourite salad ingredients.

## GREEN UP YOUR OASIS

Brighten up and bring a relaxed tropical feel with the following plants:

- Gardenia jasminoides 'Veitchii' – an evergreen flowering plant that grows best in full to partial sun. It has glossy dark green leaves and highly perfumed white flowers.
- Hibiscus – hibiscus add a gorgeous colourful touch to any garden.
- Pseudopanax 'Cyril Watson' – this evergreen native has decorative shiny foliage with multiple stems. Preferring well-drained soil in a sunny position, this plant forms an attractive bush shrub.
- Hoheria populnea 'Purple Wave' – a fast-growing native tree that can reach heights of four metres, with striking dark green leaves that are purple underside. Bears an abundance of white blossom-like flowers through summer.
- Chatham Island Nikau Palm – this well-known, fast-growing palm has a high tolerance for wind, dry summers and poor soils.

## FEED THE CROWD

Pizzas are the perfect dish for feeding a crowd over the summer entertaining months! Plant a combination of tomatoes and flavoursome herbs for the perfect pizzas toppings.

Choose a spot for your garden that is close to your kitchen or pizza oven so you can easily go from garden to table. A raised garden bed is a great option to plant plenty of pizza ingredients. However, if you're short on space, you can grow tomatoes and herbs in pots and containers.

For tomatoes in the garden add a layer of **Tui Tomato Mix**, specifically formulated with extra potassium to encourage a plentiful harvest of big juicy fruit. For herbs add a layer **Tui Herb Mix**, rich in nitrogen to promote green, leafy growth and continuous harvesting. Mix in **Tui Sheep Pellets**.

- **Top tomatoes for pizzas:** Money Maker (reliable and flavoursome), Beefsteak (large and tasty), Grosse Lisse (full of flavour), Sweet 100 (small and sweet).
- **Herbs for a flavour punch:** parsley, thyme, oregano and basil provide the perfect finishing touch. Rosemary is also one to remember to chop into pizza dough prior to cooking.

Use a fertiliser specially blended for what you are planting such as **Tui Tomato Food** for tomatoes, or use an all purpose variety such as **Tui NovaTec Premium** which both tomatoes and herbs love.



# GROWING KIWI SCHOOL GARDENS

**We're excited to have continued our support of the Garden to Table programme in schools this year, with 12 new schools joining in 2018. Recently we visited Oropi School, one of the first Bay of Plenty schools to join, to deliver their starter pack and check out their impressive garden.**

As Oropi School is based in Tauranga near the Tui head office, it's the first time we've been able to hand deliver a starter pack to one of the Garden to Table schools which is fantastic.

It was wonderful to see how enthusiastic the children are about their garden. They had just finished making beetroot chips from their Garden to Table lesson, using fresh beetroot they had proudly grown themselves!

Their raised garden beds were brimming with delicious produce grown over summer including tomatoes, chillies, pumpkins, kale,

beans, beetroot, and we can't forget those massive spring onions! The children have planted marigolds in between their veges as companion plants, and to attract the bees. Check out the photos of their crops below.

In addition to raised garden beds for veges, the school has chickens, sunflowers, a variety of fruit trees and newly built compost bins so they can start composting. Their much loved pizza oven is used to make pizzas for meals and fundraising.

The school has great support from teachers and volunteers, and their plans this year include adding sun

shades to part of their garden so the children can sit in the shade and enjoy their harvests, and an outdoor kitchen made from a shipping container!

We look forward to helping the children learn and continue to grow in the garden.

Welcome to the other new Garden to Table schools: Gate Pa Primary School, Kaikohe West Primary School, Oratia School, Wainui School, Cashmere Primary, Sir Keith Park School, Belmont Intermediate, Silverdale School, Panama Road School, Northcote School and Greenpark School.



Garden to Table is a trust, which runs a gardening and cooking programme in schools across New Zealand. As participants in the Garden to Table programme, seven to ten year-old children spend time in a productive vege garden and home-style kitchen each week. There they learn skills that will last them a lifetime, and discover just how much fun it is to grow and cook their own seasonal vegetables and fruits.

Tui is providing starter packs to each of the new schools, and seasonal packs during the year.



# NEW SEASON BLOOMS

Summery yellows and striking whites are trending this season with these stunning new plants from Zealandaia. Available in stores now.



Colourwave Sunbell Butter Pop



Nemesia Aroma Plums and Custard



Bracteantha Dreamtime Jumbo Yellow Bloom

## SHARED SPRING SNAPS

Don't forget to share your garden snaps with #tuisummersnaps and tag @tuigardenandhome this summer!



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## CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEAS



The Kent & Stowe range of beautifully crafted gardening tools make the perfect gift for the gardener in your life! With a unique heritage and a history dating back to the 1600s, Kent & Stowe tools have been built on tradition and crafted for life. Choose from the wide range this Christmas.

# DON'T JUST WATER YOUR GARDEN

Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic, crafted from sustainably sourced seaweed, promotes healthy plant and root growth.

Safe to apply year-round on all plants to create a naturally healthy and resilient garden.



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