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# TONY'S TIPS

## AUGUST

It's almost Spring! Whilst some plants are still in their Winter dormancy others like roses are shooting away strongly with their new growth and the blossom season starts in earnest with Magnolias, Almond, Plum and Peach blossom flowering over the next month. As the days continue to lengthen and the air and soil temperatures begin to rise the plants react accordingly. With Spring just around the corner now is the perfect time to get your new plants in so that when the window of opportunity for growth that is Spring happens they are happy in their new home and able to embrace and fully participate in the biggest, best growth spectacular of the year.

### WINTER FLOWERING LAVENDAR



There are a number of Lavenders that will happily flower through Winter adding lots of colour to a wintry garden. Some of the best are the French Lavender (*L. dentata*) and the various Lavender *stoechus* and *L. pedunculata* varieties with the colourful upright bracts on top of the flower head. The French Lavender is the longest flowering and the biggest growing; up to 1m tall with fluffy mauve flowers most of the year whilst the smaller, bushier *pedunculata*/*s-*

*toechus* varieties have stronger colours from the pink 'The Princess' through the mauve Avonview and Winter Lace varieties to the deeper coloured Lavender Violet Lace. This Lavender grows to about 70cm by 70cm and has fragrant violet-purple flowers cover the bush through Winter and Spring. Like all Lavenders it likes at least half a day's sun, good drainage so happy to be planted up on a mound and a good prune after flowering in Nov-Dec but never prune to bare wood. Look out for the new improved French Lavender called French Revolution. Lavender that has sun, good drainage and a hard prune annually is a long lived, attractive plant. Fragrance and colour in the one package!

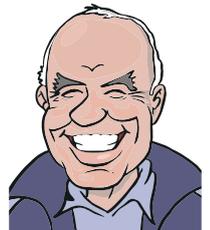
### NEW PRODUCT



We know that Sudden Impact for Roses is a terrific product to stimulate roses (and other high performance plants like Citrus) to do their absolute best.

It's now available in a liquid form. Ideal for quicker results whilst still promoting more flowers & fruit, and improving natural disease resistance.

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Regards, Tony



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### THINGS TO DO IN AUGUST

- Feed roses with a high Potassium/organic Nitrogen fertiliser to sustain growth, improve natural disease resistance and encourage the plant to set more flowers.
- Remove (prune out) all galls (lumpy stems) from your Citrus trees by mid-August as this is when the adults will start to emerge from the galls and then lay eggs in your new growth. Put wasp traps in your tree at the same time or soon after to catch any wasps from the neighbourhood wanting to lay eggs in the new growth. Most infestations occur in September and October. Use our Fruit & Citrus Food (high Potassium/organic Nitrogen) to improve resistance as the wrong fertiliser increases susceptibility.
- Prevent Peach Leaf Curl on Peaches and Nectarines by spraying with Liquid Copper/Kocide at pink bud stage and green bud stage. Last year's wet spring was a bad year for it, so break the cycle. We also use the copper sprays on our roses, pansies and tomatoes as disease preventatives.
- Treat your lawn with Bindi-Clover or Buffalo Pro to control Bindi, Clover and other weeds. The cold winter has really stopped the warm climate grasses from growing but accelerated weed growth.
- Prune cold sensitive evergreens this month including Sasanqua Camellias, Fuchsias, Plumbago, Hibiscus, Heliotrope, etc.
- Liquid feed Pansies, Poppies and Violas with Charlie Carp to stimulate new growth and flowers.



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