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NEWSLETTER

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First peach and plum blossoms are out putting on their show now. Spring is officially here.

This is the time to start feeding your lawns, camellias, rhododendron, citrus, roses and so on for healthy growth this coming season. It's also time to get your veggie seedlings going indoor, if you haven't already. We encourage you to start sowing our wildflower seed mix now! If you haven't got a fence line, sow in every corner not used for something else or around your fruit trees. This will help create habitat for beneficial insects and can help you control various garden pests.

Pick up some seed raising mix, a couple of seed packets, and fertiliser of choice next time you are in our store.

"Why try to explain miracles to your kids when you can just have them plant a garden?" Robert Brault.

Seed Potatoes

Have you been sprouting yours? It's finally time to plant them!

Come grab the last of the 1st early crop varieties while they are still available!

We'll have plenty of 2nd earlies and main crop varieties as well:

Agria, Haylo, Heather,
Purple Passion,
Purple Heart, Red Rascal,
Ilam Hardy,
Nadine, Van Rosa
...just to name a few!
Red and Gold Yams also
available



Setting up an Asparagus Patch

When choosing an area to plant asparagus, keep in mind that they will be there for a long time, so the area should be easily accessible for weeding and harvesting. Choose an area in full sun with well-drained, sandy loam soil, and incorporate plenty of organic compost and sheep pellets. A high pH soil is preferable, which can be achieved by digging in lime and superphosphate about 15cm deep.



ONE-YEAR ASPARAGUS CROWNS IN-STORE!



Crowns may be planted from early October when soil temperatures rise. Make a trench 200mm deep and plant crowns about 45cm apart with roots spread out in a star-like fashion. Cover the crowns with 5cm of loose soil to ensure a good start. Add more soil periodically throughout the following summer and autumn, and keep the area weed-free.

Spears may be harvested from one-year crowns two years after planting. Cut with a sharp knife just below ground level. The harvest season lasts 8 weeks on average. Afterwards, allow plants to run to fern. Remove ferns once they have died and turned brown by cutting off at ground level.

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Tasks for September

A busy month in the garden but watch out for the weather which can change dramatically from day to day.

- * **Vegetables** - The last of your green crops should be dug in now. Broad Beans will start to grow rapidly soon so prepare something to support them. Plant out sprouted potatoes. Seeds of Silver beet, Peas, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Broccoli and Onions can be sowed straight into the garden. Apply mulch and compost to the garden now to feed your plants and conserve moisture for the warmer months
- * **Fruit** - Fruit trees can now receive some attention to ensure a healthy crop. Spray citrus with Copper, apples and pears with Conquerer Oil and Copper. Stone fruits should be sprayed with Pyrethrum as soon as petals appear to combat brown rot.
- * **Fertilisers** - Remember to fertilise and compost your garden and plants. Healthy plants are less susceptible to pests and diseases. Feed your annuals with a liquid fertiliser to give them a boost. Fertilise all areas of the garden including Roses, Camellias, Azaleas and Rhododendrons. Remember to water in well unless rain is due that day. For best results in colder areas where there is a danger of frosts, wait a few weeks to do this. Remember to protect young seedlings from slugs and snails. Place mulch around your plants out to the drip line up to a hands width away from the trunks or stems of plants.
- * **Lawns** - Prepare the ground for sowing or top dressing. Feed established lawns. If the weather is reasonably warm you can treat the lawn for Grass Grub.

Daltons Fertiliser Pellets

With blood and bone, mineral gypsum, seaweed extracts, horse manure, sheep manure, and chicken manure, **Dalton's Fertiliser Pellets** offer a complete **orchard** or **landscape** nutrition, increasing microbial activity and improving your soil's water and nutrient retention in a pelletised form for easy application.

Landscape Fertiliser Pellets contain boosted nitrogen levels, ideal for new plantings, trees, shrubs, and side dressings.

Orchard Fertiliser Pellets contain boosted potassium and magnesium levels for healthy roots and fruit production, and are suitable for establishing new plantings and as a late winter side dressing.

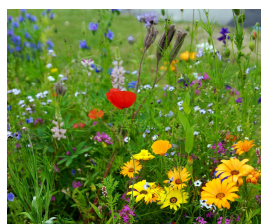
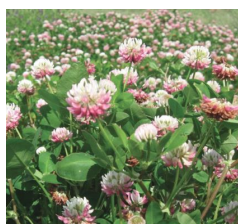
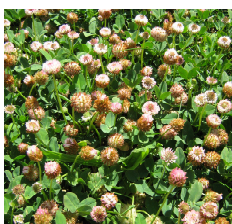
Daltons Premium Garden Mix

Natural bark fibre, trace elements, wetting agents, controlled-release fertiliser, & gypsum

If you are not sure which soil to buy, this is a versatile blend of organic ingredients for roses and other flowers, veggies and herbs, trees and shrubs.

While it can be used for **planting** in gardens, raised beds, and pots, it is also a **fertiliser**, **mulch**, and **soil conditioner**.

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