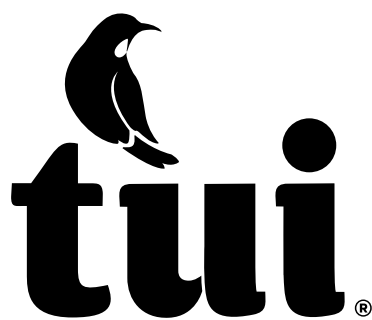


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SPRING INTO THE GARDEN!

We're a passionate bunch at Tui, committed to helping Kiwis create a home and garden they are proud of. We like to keep things fresh, so we've come up with a new look for our packaging and brand. Turn to page 11 to discover our new look packaging, and exciting new spring products.

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Check out our new website
Never miss a crop to plant with our handy new regionalised planting calendar. Simply select your region and month to find out what veges, fruit and flowers to plant. Take a sneak peek on [page 4](#).

PRIDE OF PLACE

We've been Kiwi gardeners for over 100 years – and we've learned a thing or two. We understand a garden is not always perfect. Our job is to make it less daunting with advice, education, guidance and products that make gardening achievable and enjoyable for both new and experienced gardeners!

To get you on your way to creating a home and garden you love, follow our tips to growing the best tomatoes on page 3, and our guide to creating the ultimate lawn on page 8. If you're feeling short on time, we've put together tips to growing a garden in just 30 minutes a week.

Take time to relax and be inspired by someone else's Pride of Place on page 6 as Claire O'Donnell (@canterbury.gardener.nz) shares her piece of Canterbury paradise and how she grows in the varying climate.



Claire O'Donnell

Creating community green spaces
Close to our head office in Mount Maunganui, we're excited to partner with the Good Neighbour Trust to create a wonderful new green space in the heart of Tauranga City. Find out more on [page 10](#).

King of the Garden or Queen of the Crop? Share your photo & win!

This spring we are searching for the King of the Garden and Queen of the Crop! Simply share a photo of you in your garden, or with your garden harvests on our Facebook [facebook.com/TuiGarden](#) or Instagram [@tuigardenandhome](#) with [#kingofthegarden](#) or [#queenofthecrop](#) to be in to win! Our King of the Garden and Queen of the Crop winners will each win this bumper garden pack! Terms and conditions apply. See our website for details. Entries close 30th November 2018.



PRIDE OF PLACE

GROW THE BEST TOMATOES AT YOUR PLACE!

In sandwiches or salads, roasted or plucked straight from the vine – tomatoes take pride of place in every Kiwi's garden over the summer months, no matter how you choose to enjoy yours.

SHOPPING LIST

- Tui Tomato Mix
- Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic
- Tui Enrich Vege, Tomato & Herb Controlled Release Fertiliser

01 PREPARE

Once the cold weather has passed and the soils have warmed up it's time to plant tomatoes. Labour weekend is known as the traditional tomato planting time but tomato seedlings are usually available from August.

Once you have selected your plants, choose a sunny position for planting. Then it is time to get the soil prepared – the better the soil, the better your tomatoes 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 Tomato Mix**, specifically formulated with extra potassium to encourage a plentiful harvest of big juicy fruit. If planting in pots and containers fill with **Tui Tomato Mix**.

02 PLANT

If you're growing from seed rather than seedlings, you'll need to get started about a month earlier to give your seeds time to grow. 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.

Directions for planting in garden beds:

- Place stakes in the soil for each tomato plant before planting to provide support and avoid damaging the roots later on.
- Soak plants 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 size of the root ball of your plant.
- Gently loosen the root ball of your plant.
- Position the plant in the centre of hole.
- Press soil gently around the base of the plant.
- Tie the tomato plant to the stake.
- Water tomato plants well after planting.



03 NOURISH

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

Use **Tui Enrich Vege, Tomato & Herb Controlled Release Fertiliser** to promote optimum growth through its specialised triple action formula.

Keep your tomatoes well watered. Well watered, well nourished tomatoes will have a better chance of keeping insect pests and diseases at bay.

Tui Tip

It's best practice not to plant your tomatoes in the same spot as last season as diseases can remain in the soil.

FOR MORE GUIDES AND TIPS TO GROWING A BUMPER CROP OF TOMATOES VISIT

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YOUR **SPRING GARDENING** GUIDE

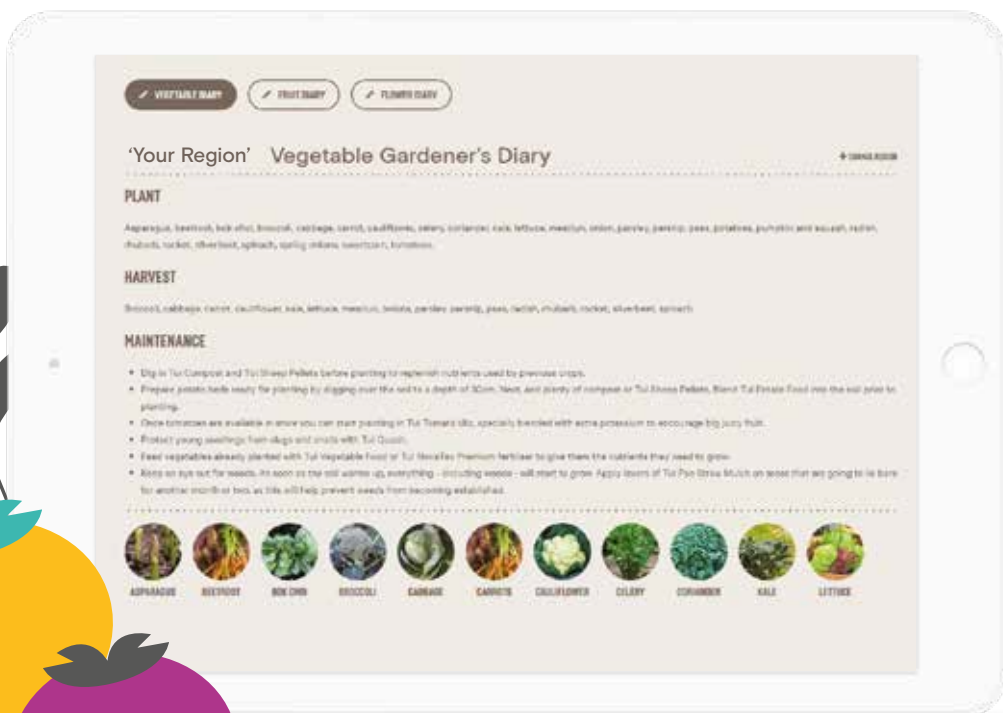
It can be hard to know what to plant when! In time for spring planting we're excited to launch our new website complete with a helpful planting calendar which shows you what to plant each month based on the region of New Zealand you live.

WHAT TO PLANT EACH MONTH



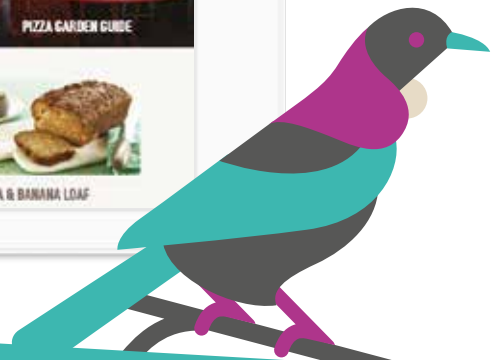
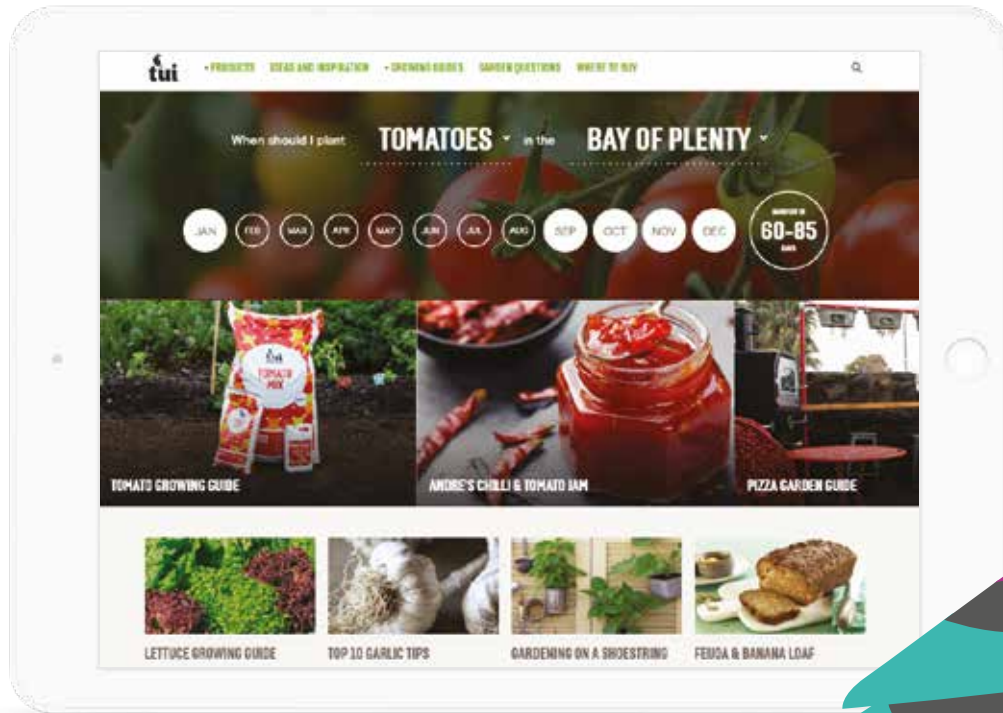
VEGETABLE, FRUIT AND FLOWER DIARIES

Includes planting, harvest and maintenance tips for each month based on the region within New Zealand you live.



TIME TO HARVEST A SPECIFIC CROP IN YOUR REGION

Find out when to plant fruit and vege favourites in your region and how many days from planting to harvest. We've also included tips, guides and recipe inspiration for the crop you are planting.



TOP SPRING GARDEN TIPS

A new season is upon us with the arrival of spring. It's an exciting time in the garden as you harvest the last winter crops and plant spring favourites. Follow our tips to spring garden success.

- Spring is a great time to harvest broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, kale, leeks, lettuce, mizuna, parsnips, rocket, silverbeet, spinach and spring onions. Harvest veges regularly to help promote more growth throughout the season.
- Popular crops for planting in spring include: beans, beetroot, broccoli, carrots, celery, lettuce, peas, potatoes, spinach and spring onions.
- For a pop of colour top flowers to plant include borage, marigolds, chamomile, purple tansy and nasturtiums.
- Sprinkle [Tui Quash](#) slug & snail control throughout your garden to

protect vulnerable new plants.

Tui Quash is a low hazard formula that is safer to use around children, pets and wildlife.

- Feed your garden and it will feed you! Choose a fertiliser blended specifically for the crop or flower you are growing e.g. veges, citrus, roses, or use an all purpose variety such as [Tui NovaTec Premium](#) fertiliser. For plants in pots choose from the new range of [Tui Enrich Controlled Release Fertilisers](#).
- Apply [Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic](#) every 2-4 weeks to help prevent transplant shock, promote strong growth and keep your garden thriving.
- Basil makes a great companion plant for tomatoes, repelling diseases and improving growth and flavour. Carrots, beans, chives, marigolds, mint, cucumber, cosmos, lettuce, parsley and peas are other good companions. Check out our full [Companion Planting Guide](#) at tuiproducts.co.nz

MY PRIDE OF PLACE: CLAIRE'S SOUTH ISLAND PIECE OF PARADISE

BY CLAIRE O'DONNELL

Location: Canterbury

Follow my garden:

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My name is Claire and I live rurally, 20kms from Christchurch, on the Canterbury Plains. My garden is situated on an old riverbed with all-day sun. I live in a climate of frosty winters, strong NW winds in spring and cool easterly winds in the dry summers.

Three years ago I started off with a lush, green paddock, but I had bigger plans. By laying down black plastic till the twitch roots are dead, or letting the chickens scratch around, my new garden beds are formed. I then dig over the beds, removing stray 'live' twitch roots I then add compost and top with a pea straw for mulch. Pine logs or river stones are laid around the bed edges and the pathways are covered with a layer of pine needles. I have created a 218 square metre garden, which contributes to feeding my family, all year around. I love my garden's flexibility because, unlike raised beds, nothing is fixed into place. I can redesign the beds or paths easily, to suit my current needs.

In my 'outdoor supermarket' I grow 25 different types of vegetables, herbs, berries, and wildflowers. Everything is close to the house for easy access and I like to grow crops that are "come-and-cut". By planting once, for the coming season, you can enjoy picking a larger yield over time and pick just what you need, reducing waste. It gives you flexibility for meal choices and is a gardening time-saver. I also use a mixture of growing my own seeds and shop brought seedlings. When life is busy, planting a row of seedlings picked up at the supermarket is 'easy-as'.

I like to use nature to solve challenges and create an ecosystem of less chemicals. I have a slug problem because of the surrounding paddock grass, so I've built a lizard habitat to encourage the 'little slug eaters' into the garden. It's really cool when you see one dart away.

The pea straw acts as a mulch, reducing weeds and retaining soil moisture in summer. It also composts down, helping to contribute to healthy soil, and encourages more worms, which in-turn helps plant growth.

Last season, I experimented with a dedicated wildflower border, to encourage more wild bumblebees into the garden. The eggplants, cucumbers, tomatoes and capsicums had one of the highest yields yet, and there was noticeably more ladybirds, butterflies, lacewings, and reduced aphids.

Any self-seeded (volunteer) plants, are grown-up because they tend to grow vigorously, are healthier and more resistant to pests and disease.

My garden is my 'me-time' and my happy place. A moment to smell the lavender, snack on sun-ripe tomatoes, listen to bees humming, to slow my pace and refocus. The satisfaction and joy I get from growing and eating homegrown ingredients, is happiness in a bowl. I never get tired of seeing my family digging into a delicious meal I've grown from scratch - well that's just bliss. Happy gardening everyone.



20 WAYS TO GARDEN AS A FAMILY

Encouraging children into the garden is a wonderful way to teach them about nature and where their food comes from. Gardening together also offers a fun way to spend time together outdoors. Below are 20 projects to enjoy as a family.

- 1 Create a bird café by setting up feeding sites around your garden for both seed eating and nectar feeding birds.
- 2 Plant quick win vege crops including radish, lettuce, spinach, mizuna and mesclun.
- 3 Make a scarecrow to keep the birds away from your carefully tended fruit plants.
- 4 Create a pizza garden! Plant a combination of tomatoes and flavoursome herbs for the perfect pizza toppings straight from your garden.
- 5 Make seed tape to help seeds germinate. Garden to Table School Diamond Harbour shared a great guide you can find here: www.tuigarden.co.nz/news/how-make-seed-tape-diamond-harbour-school
- 6 Paint up pots for a bright and colourful addition to the garden, and fill with your favourite flowers.
- 7 Upcycle an old pallet to create a pallet garden filled with vege, herb and flower seedlings.
- 8 Make seed bombs using clay and potting mix to propagate seeds in the garden. Calendula, sunflower and radish are examples of seeds which work well.
- 9 Once the weather warms, plant a variety of flavoursome cherry tomatoes - the perfect snack off the vine for children.
- 10 Use ice block sticks or paint up stones to make plant markers.
- 11 Create a berry patch - kids love delicious juicy berries and they are easy to grow! Get the children to help plant your patch with a variety of different berries like strawberries, raspberries and boysenberries and watch them disappear into their mouths come summer.
- 12 Get creative and plant strawberries in guttering - a fun project and great space-saving option.
- 13 Upcycle items you no longer use such as shoes, drawers, containers and tins by turning them into pretty planters.
- 14 Plant fruit trees! Choose fruits that the children enjoy to eat - citrus like oranges and mandarins, along with feijoas, apples and plums. All tasty snacks they can pick straight off the tree!
- 15 Create a butterfly garden. Swan plants, scabious, cornflower, tithonia, tweedia, coreopsis are all plants that will encourage butterflies.
- 16 Plant bee friendly flowers like marigolds, poppies, cosmos, hollyhocks, foxgloves, nasturtiums, salvia, alyssum, lavender, honeysuckle and sunflowers. Sunflowers are a fun flower for the kids to grow, they are a quick and easy summer flower - simply sow seeds directly into the soil in a sunny spot.
- 17 Decorate and plant up an old gumboot. Poke some holes in the gumboot for drainage.
- 18 Set up a worm farm - the whole family can help feed the worms and in turn feed the garden!
- 19 Upcycle tin cans to create your very own herb garden to enjoy fresh herbs at your fingertips! Paint the tins with chalk paint for easy labelling.
- 20 Build a potato tower using wire mesh, pea straw and **Tui Vegetable Mix**. Check out our step by step video at tuiproducts.co.nz



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Share your garden project on Instagram and tag @tuigardenandhome!

PRIDE OF PLACE

CREATE THE ULTIMATE KIWI LAWN AT YOUR PLACE!

There is nothing quite like wandering barefoot across your backyard savouring the feeling of grass between your toes. A lush, green lawn really sets off a house and is the pride and joy of any keen gardener. Knowledge and quality products are key to lawn care, to ensure a beautiful, healthy lawn.

SHOPPING LIST

- Tui Lawn Preparation Mix
- Tui Superstrike® Easycare Lawn Seed
- Tui LawnForce® New Lawns Slow Release Lawn Fertiliser

01 PREPARE

Autumn and spring are the best times to sow a lawn and to carry out lawn care.

To ensure you have a successful lawn the soil needs to be in the best possible condition to give lawn seed the best chance of germination. When patching your lawn, spray weeds and any grass you want to remove. Clear away weeds and grass once it has browned off.

- Apply a 25–30mm layer of **Tui Lawn Preparation Mix** to the area to provide lawn seed with a base of essential nutrients and fertiliser.
- Create a level and compact area for your lawn by raking, rolling and filling in where needed.
- Water before sowing lawn seed.

02 PLANT

Choose a fast growing seed such as **Tui Superstrike® Easycare Lawn Seed**. All Tui Superstrike Lawn Seed varieties feature a unique treatment which encourages fast establishment of lawn seed, so you can see results in as little as seven days under ideal growing conditions. This industry leading treatment also protects the seed from common fungal diseases during establishment and reduces bird theft.

- Sow seed on a fine day at the rate set out on the packaging. Scatter seed in an east to west direction then a north to south direction to ensure an even spread.
- Rake in lightly to ensure seed is covered.
- Water lightly and keep moist on a daily basis during the germination period. Try to avoid making puddles with the water as this can move the lawn seed around.

03 NOURISH

Your lush lawn will need to be cared for throughout the year. A thick, healthy lawn stops broadleaf and other weeds from becoming established.

Apply **Tui LawnForce® New Lawns Slow Release Lawn Fertiliser** to encourage lush, thick, green growth in your lawn. Once established, fertilise your lawn in spring and autumn with **Tui LawnForce® All Purpose** or **Tui LawnForce® Max Green**.

Keep your lawn well watered. Well watered, well nourished lawns will have a better chance of keeping weeds, pest insects and diseases at bay.



GROW A VEGE GARDEN IN 30 MINUTES A WEEK

Whether your dream 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'. If you don't have a lot of spare time but are keen to get growing in the garden this spring, follow our tips below.

GET YOUR GARDEN OFF TO THE BEST START

Setting up your vege garden may take a few hours but once you've done this, it's as easy as putting aside 30 minutes a week to give your veges the TLC they need to provide delicious homegrown harvests.

Like building a house, a good foundation is the key to success in your garden. Soil is the backbone to any good garden. The better the soil, the more successful your garden will be, and the less time you will need to spend looking after it.

Starting with a new garden bed is the quickest – fill with **Tui Vegetable Mix** and dig in **Tui Compost** and **Tui Sheep Pellets**.

If you've got an existing garden bed clear plants that have finished for the season and weed the area. Dig in **Tui Compost** and **Tui Sheep Pellets** to replenish the soil. A layer of **Tui Vegetable Mix** can also be added to provide your veges with all the goodies to grow.

CHOOSE EASY WIN CROPS

Spinach, lettuce, radish, beetroot, rocket, leeks, silverbeet, celery and spring onions are all easy to grow crops that require less care and attention. Herbs such as parsley and thyme are also great options. When planting, allow at least two hand spaces apart for lettuce, rocket, spinach and silverbeet.

30 MINUTE VEGE GARDEN GUIDE

Once your garden bed is set up, you can spend 30 minutes a week tending to your veges split over the following tasks:

- **Watering:** you don't need to water every day. A good deep soak every few days is better than shallow watering every day. Water in the morning (just after breakfast is a good reminder) or in the evening (before you prepare dinner). Every second week add **Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic** to your watering can to help keep your garden healthy and more resilient to pests, disease and changes in temperature.
- **Weeding:** keep the areas around your plants weed free. If you are checking for weeds each week it will make weeding feel less of a job and take less time.
- **Check for bugs:** Be vigilant and stop unwanted insects and diseases from ruining your plants. Squash or hose off any bugs you see. Apply **Tui Quash** slug & snail control every few weeks to protect your seedlings from hungry slugs and snails.
- **Plant:** every couple of weeks it's a good idea to plant two more vege seedlings for continuous harvests across the season.
- **Feeding:** plants use nutrients from the soil as they grow, so replenishing the nutrients ensures your plants grow to their full potential, however you don't need to feed every week. Ensure you schedule feeding into your gardening time at least once a month. Feed monthly with a fertiliser specific to your crop such as **Tui Vegetable Food** or an all purpose variety such as **Tui NovaTec® Premium** fertiliser – great for both veges and herbs.





HELPING CREATE 'OUR PLACE'

As a trusted Kiwi brand, Tui's community involvement both locally and around New Zealand is a great way to educate and introduce people to the joy of gardening. This year we are excited to partner with the Good Neighbour Trust to create a wonderful new green space as part of the 'Our Place' community project in the heart of Tauranga, close to our head office in Mount Maunganui.

Our Place, managed by **Little Big Events**, is an exciting new pop-up space in the central city of Tauranga for everyone to visit and enjoy, with the aim of bringing more people to the city to work and play. The temporary yet dynamic city centre project is focused on supporting and engaging the Tauranga community as well as providing space for local businesses, offering affordable rents to social enterprises and start-ups. The event spaces and public areas will also be available for hire for community events like meetings, fundraisers and workshops.

Good Neighbour were invited to partner with Our Place to bring some GREEN to the urban space. Their core focus in Tauranga is building community and empowering people to transform their own communities. They maintain several community gardens in Tauranga with volunteer crews who are passionate about growing with organic principals.

For this project the Good Neighbour team created wicking garden beds and Tui supplied the mix with all the nutrients needed to give the plants the best start and sustained growth. Each garden is built using 'lasagne' layers of **Tui Garden Mix**, **Tui Mulch & Feed** and pea straw. These water from the bottom up - which is a very sustainable use of water as it doesn't burn off in the sun and encourages the plant roots to go down.

The gardens will be onsite providing produce for the complimentary use of Our Place food vendors as well as for the public to sample freshly grown produce! The gardens will feature seasonal fruit, herbs, vegetables, flowers and microgreens which are propagated first at one of the community gardens. Exciting organic and heirloom varieties will be included where possible.

This season the gardens will include some vege classics with a quick turn-around such as beetroot, pak choi, spinach, kale, lettuce, rocket, leek, spring onion and mesclun. Alongside these veges will be some bright blooms including calendula, marigolds, cornflowers, sweet peas and poppies, to name a few!

Our Place will also feature a series of rooftop gardens filled with **Tui Garden Mix** and good trailing plants for the bees and splashes of colour for spring and summer - as well as fruit trees in the portable orchard!

Check it out: 91 Willow Street, Tauranga



SPRING PRODUCT PICKS

A new growing season has arrived and that means exciting new products to keep your garden refreshed and healthy. Check out our top product picks for this spring below.

Tui Premium Compost

The ultimate ingredient to deliver outstanding results in your garden. Healthy, conditioned soil is essential to get the most from your plants.

Tui Premium Compost not only replenishes soil with nutrient rich organic matter, the inclusion of NovaTec® provides sustained feeding for your plants. Use Tui Premium Compost to help break up heavy or clay soil, improve drainage, and increase water holding capacity.



Tui Worm Farm

Make your own nutritious fertiliser from organic kitchen and garden waste with the new **Tui Worm Farm**. The compact design makes the Worm Farm ideal to sit in your garden or on your balcony. With just two working trays and a collector tray to collect valuable worm tea, it is easy to use.



Tui LawnForce® Max Green Liquid Fertiliser

Tui LawnForce® is the ideal formulation to deliver outstanding results for New Zealand lawns. Engineered as a convenient liquid formulation to green up your lawn in as little as three days, and containing essential nutrients for up to 12 weeks sustained feeding. Tui LawnForce® delivers rapid and lasting results for your lawn. The ProGrade technology is trusted by major golf courses and sports arenas across the country, so you can rest assured you're selecting the optimum liquid lawn fertiliser for your backyard.



Tui Enrich Controlled Release Fertilisers

Tui Enrich is a premium triple action system to deliver exceptional plant performance. Osmoforte® Microbial Technology creates healthy soil, and is paired with a premium controlled release fertiliser to provide vital nutrients to nourish plants. The inclusion of NovaTec® fertiliser provides an instant boost of easy to absorb nitrogen for healthy green growth. Tui Enrich is available in five variants; All Purpose, Pots & Containers, Fruit, Citrus, Tree & Shrub, Vege, Tomato & Herb, Rose, Camellia, Azalea & Gardenia, which are all suitable for use in pots and containers.



Look out for our fresh new look this spring!

Our new look draws strongly from our Kiwi roots, whilst enabling us to highlight our key features of our products' efficacy, quality, reliability, trust and ease of use. You'll see we have retained the vibrancy and differentiation of our current packaging and evolved this to feature a custom designed illustration.



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