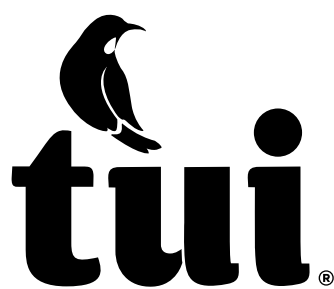


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# HELLO SPRING!

The biggest growing season in the garden has arrived. After a challenging start to the year we're keen to help Kiwis reconnect with nature. Whether you're starting a vege garden or preparing for summer tomatoes, it's a great time of year to be in the garden.



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Follow our Tui Grow Guide on how to set up a vege garden.



Spring is a key planting time in the garden, find out what to plant now.



Lockdown gardens are flourishing, explore some of our favourites.



Discover Candice's garden & top 5 spring crops.



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Choose your perfect tomato varieties for delicious summer harvests.

## Share your pride of place and win

Spring is a busy planting time and we'd love to see what you're growing. Share your proud garden moments on Facebook (facebook.com/TuiGarden) or on Instagram (@tuigardenandhome) with #myprideofplace. Two #myprideofplace winners will each win a Tui Urban Oasis Planter along with some planting goodies! Entries close 22 November 2020.



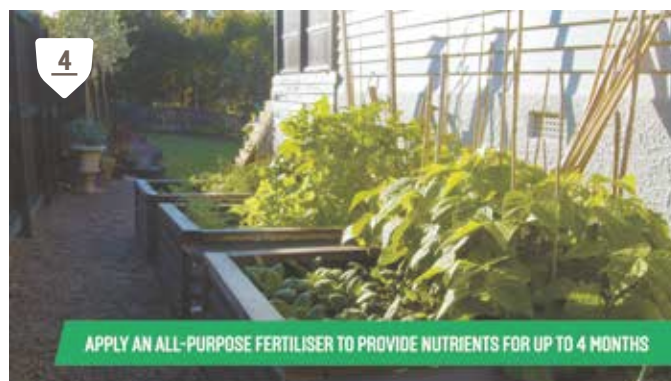




# HOW TO SET UP YOUR VEGE GARDEN

Are you keen to start a vege garden but not sure how? Nothing beats that rewarding feeling of harvesting fresh food you've grown yourself at home, and it's never too late to start. Discover how to set up your vege garden below.

- 1 There's all sorts of great beginner veges and herbs to choose from. Choose plants that are suitable for growing at the current time, where you live. Check out our Planting Calendar at [tuigarden.co.nz](http://tuigarden.co.nz)
- 2 Choose a sunny spot and prepare your soil. The better the soil, the more success.
- 3 Soak seedlings in a bucket of **Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic** before planting and plant veges either in garden beds or pots & containers. Re-apply every 2-4 weeks.
- 4 Plants need nutrients to grow. Feed your veges with **Tui NovaTec Premium** fertiliser.
- 5 Stop slugs and snails from munching on your garden with **Tui Quash**.
- 6 Harvest your veges once they're the size you see them in the supermarket.



Watch this Tui Grow Guide video and discover more tips for your vege garden at [tuiproducts.co.nz](http://tuiproducts.co.nz)

# SPRING GARDEN GUIDE

Spring has made a welcome arrival and it's a great time of year to be in the garden! As the days get longer and the soil warms up, there's plenty to plant, sow and harvest. Follow our spring garden guide for a continuous supply of delicious veges, juicy fruit and floral displays that will last you into the summer months!

## Harvest

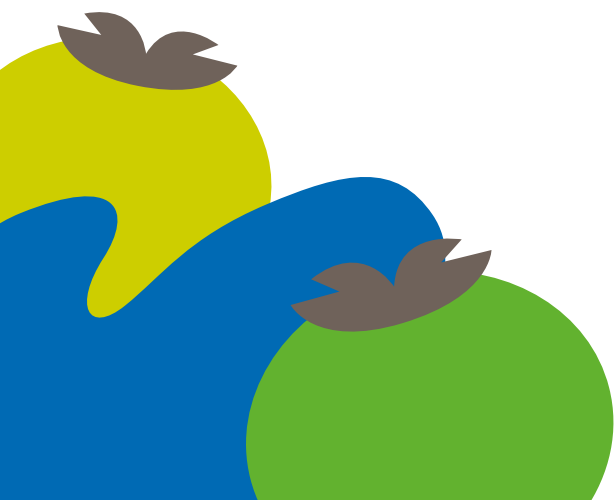
- If you've planted **lettuce & spinach**, continuously harvest the outer leaves as and when you require them, and they will regrow.
- Harvest **celery** by either taking the outside stalks one at a time, or by cutting the whole head at once. If you leave the root in the ground, it's likely that new celery side shoot sprouts will grow.
- Finish picking the last of the **citrus** crops. **Lemons, limes, mandarins** and **cumquats** will all be ripe and ready for harvest.
- Harvest brassicas planted in late autumn – early winter such as **broccoli, cabbage** and **cauliflower**.

## Plant

- It's time to plant **potatoes**, and they will always taste better dug out of your own garden! Grow your potatoes from **Tui Certified Seed Potatoes** after you've let them sprout, when shoots are approximately 20–40mm long. Continue mounding your potatoes as they grow.
- If you haven't planted your **strawberries** yet, pop them in the ground now to enjoy delicious harvests this summer.
- **Spring onions** are a great spring crop to plant and take only a few months to mature.
- A popular vege to grow when it warms up is **capsicum**. They're relatively quick to produce a crop and don't require a lot of special care. Most capsicum varieties start off green then change to red, purple, black, yellow or orange as they ripen.
- A vege garden staple, **courgettes**! Courgettes need heat and sun to flourish, so plant later in spring when there's no longer the threat of late frosts.

## Sow

- You just can't beat the taste of homegrown **tomatoes**. Sow seeds in time for planting out in the garden when the cold weather has passed. Labour weekend is traditional tomato planting time.
- Root crops such as **carrots, parsnip, beetroot** and **radish** can all be sown now from seed. All root crops require a well dug, friable crumbly soil to bury their roots into.
- Herbs such as **coriander, basil** and **parsley** will grow well when sown into pots and containers or raised garden beds. Plant them somewhere where they're easy to access from the kitchen.



# SPRING CHECKLIST

To make the most of your garden over the coming spring months a little bit of planning and preparation goes a long way.

- Pull out any weeds and any plants that are no longer needed in the garden. Leave in the plants you still want and plant around them.
- Healthy soil is key, so add plenty of organic matter like **Tui Organic Sheep Pellets** and **Tui Compost** to your soil before planting.
- Plant in **Tui Vegetable Mix**, it contains the right blend of nutrients to provide your veges with the best possible start and sustained growth throughout the season.
- An application of **Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic** every 2-4 weeks will keep your plants thriving - this seaweed plant tonic promotes strong root growth, reduces transplant shock and increases fruiting and flowering capacity.
- Sprinkle **Tui Quash** slug & snail control throughout your garden to protect your plants from being eaten before you've had the chance to.
- It's a good time to feed your existing citrus trees with **Tui Citrus Food** to make sure you get a bumper crop of juicy fruit.
- In the flower garden, feed your emerging spring bulbs with **Tui Bulb Food** when the first flower buds start to appear.

## TUI PRODUCT PICK



Containing all natural pelletised New Zealand sheep manure, **Tui Organic Sheep Pellets** are BioGro certified meaning you can rest assured you have maximised the natural goodness in the plants you have carefully tended. Sheep pellets add organic matter to improve soil structure, encourage earthworms, and nourish your plants.



# IT'S A GREAT TIME OF YEAR TO GROW THE ULTIMATE LAWN

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 with minimal maintenance later.

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## PREPARE

Sowing your lawn in the right season will mean the best chance of success. Spring and autumn are the best times to sow a lawn and carry out lawn care.

To ensure a successful lawn the soil needs to be in the best possible condition to give lawn seed the best chance of germination. Remove any unwanted weeds and grass and add a 25–30mm layer of **Tui LawnForce® Lawn Preparation Mix** to the area to provide lawn seed with a base of essential nutrients and fertiliser.

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## PLANT

Water your lawn before sowing and choose a fast growing seed such as **Tui LawnForce® Superstrike® Lawn Seed**. Whether you need a low maintenance lawn, a hardwearing lawn for high traffic areas, a fine textured lawn, a drought tolerant lawn for sandy soils, or a lawn for a shady spot, our **Tui Superstrike®** range will have the perfect lawn seed.

Sow seed on a fine day at the rate set out on the pack and scatter seed in an east to west direction then a north to south direction to ensure an even spread. Rake in lightly to cover seed and water lightly so the seed is kept moist during the germination period.

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## NOURISH

A thick, healthy lawn stops broadleaf and other weeds from becoming established. Apply **Tui LawnForce® New Lawns** slow release fertiliser to encourage lush, thick, green growth in your new lawn. Once established, fertilise your lawn in spring and autumn with **Tui LawnForce® All Purpose** or **Tui LawnForce® Max Green** for a fast green up.

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

### TIP

Before mowing, wait until your lawn has grown to at least 5cm so the root system has had time to develop. Use sharp blades and set your mower to the highest level, gradually lowering over the next three months until you reach the optimum height of 2.5cm–3cm.

TUI PRODUCT PICK



**Tui LawnForce® Prickle Kill & Lawn Feed's** dual action formulation includes a selective weed killer to eliminate prickle weeds (Onioncress) and other common weeds from invading your lawn. The addition of fast acting nitrogen delivers a rapid green up.





# LOCKDOWN GARDENS



Extra time spent at home during lockdown meant extra time spent in the garden! We loved seeing what you got up to in your garden, the harvests you enjoyed with neighbours and creative ways you planted for more homegrown goodies. Check out a few of our favourite lockdown gardens below.



@our.vineyard.garden

This is my first time growing kohlrabi. I went to the plant store before lockdown and the only thing left was a sad, lonely little punnet of kohlrabi. I thought it deserved a chance so into the trolley it went, and now it's my favourite thing in the garden because it just looks so odd!

– Our Vineyard Garden



Claire

Lockdown gave us the perfect opportunity to clean out and restore this awesome greenhouse on our farm. I love to grow interesting things that you can't buy in the supermarket. We plan to grow lots of interesting things in here like peanuts, Luffa, heirloom tomatoes for preserving and much more. At the moment we have filled it up with lots of yummy winter veggies.

– Claire



Tania Johnston

We grew carrots and we're looking forward to growing more!

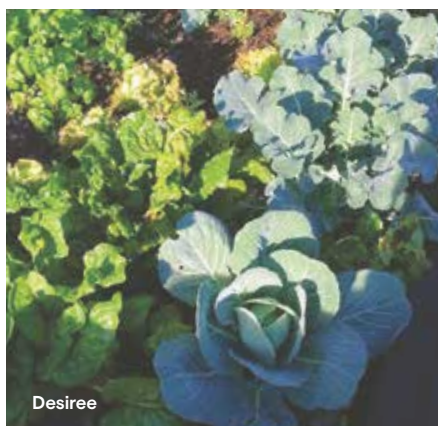
– Tania Johnston



Anneka

Kiana (4 years old) planted her garden over lockdown. Every day she was out there watering and weeding it, she is so proud of it.

– Anneka



Desiree

Lots of greens grown during lockdown!

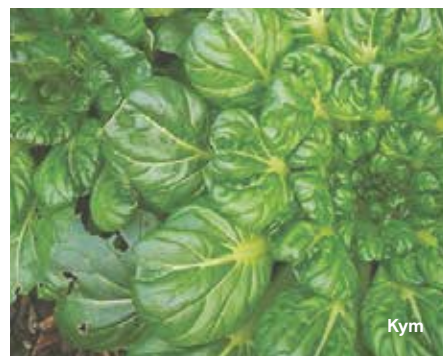
– Desiree



Patricia

My lockdown lime harvest.

– Patricia



Kym

These hitched a ride with some bok choy seeds I grew during lockdown. It was the only seed packet left in the supermarket. I was delighted to find tatsoi in with my bok choy, a new favourite!

– Kym



Kylee

I learnt about micro greens very quickly as my spinach I let go to seed during summer gave me babies all through my patch. Have also harvested a giant broccoli head, which was planted in the second week of level 4.

– Kylee



# MY PRIDE OF PLACE: NZ GARDENER

BY CANDICE HARRIS

Location: North Canterbury

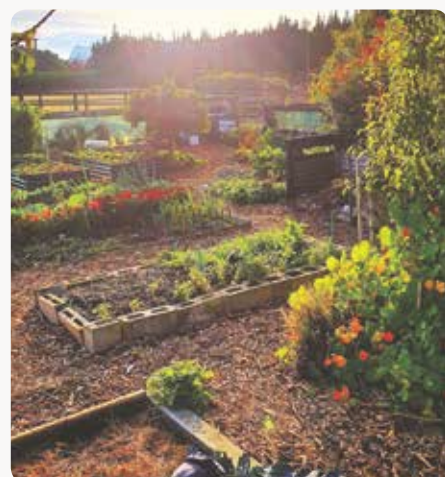
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A passion to provide fresh organic produce to feed my family was what got me into growing. That, and the physical and mental health aspects have kept me gardening. Now my kids are joining me in the garden creating their own patches and will happily try eating anything we produce.

We're currently building an underground glass house that I'm hoping will provide more year-round warm weather crops. It's giving me lots of challenges and problems to solve but I'm loving it and excited to try growing peanuts, mini bananas and all kinds of melons.

From a city garden where I grew in my driveway, to where I am currently in my ever-expanding veggie patch in a paddock, I'm always learning, always excited to try new things, and always happy to help get others growing.

Sprinkle some seeds for the bees, plant a tree for the future, and enjoy giving and receiving from nature.



Photos by: @nzgardener

## TOP 5 CROPS FOR SPRING

**Strawberries** – our favourite family treat. This year we aim to produce more than the 26kg from last season. After lifting and soaking in seaweed overnight in the winter and replanting out with some pine mulch, I'm very hopeful we will be supplying our year-long smoothies.

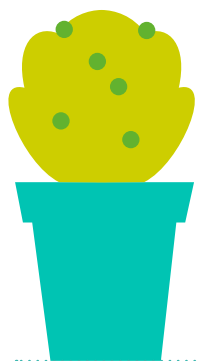
**Carrots** – knowing there's always a carrot ready to snack on in the garden is a happy feeling. I usually sow 3 times a year in spring, summer, and autumn. I mix half a handful of sand with my seeds before sprinkling out, watering in, and covering for approx. 8-10 days with cardboard or shade cloth to keep them moist. I've had 99% success with seeding carrots this way.

**Silverbeet/Swiss Chard** – sprinkled like confetti throughout my garden, they're easy to put in most meals, and the rainbow varieties add a nice pop of colour in the veggie patch. Let it go to seed and you'll never want for silverbeet again.

**Pumpkins** – it's time to think about preparing! Clearing weeds and grass where you will be planting, and prep the planting hole with some kitchen scraps and compost. We love to etch names and messages on our pumpkins when they are forming, a bit of fun for young and old.

**Beetroot** – I tend to plant my beetroot where I know it will get part shade over summer. I juice a lot of my beetroot, but it is amazing how versatile beetroot is and can go in dishes from sweet to savoury. If you haven't tried it, do! Fresh beetroot is nothing like the tinned beetroot.

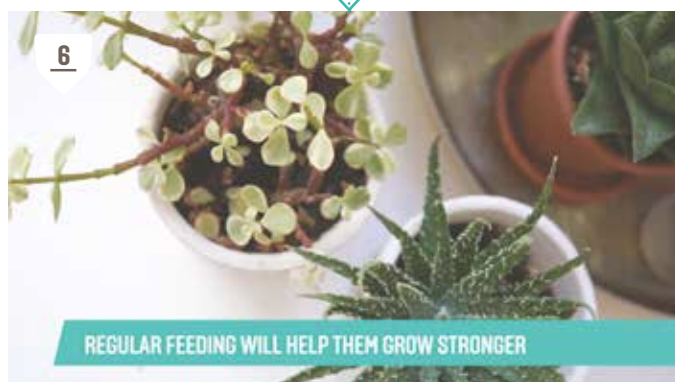
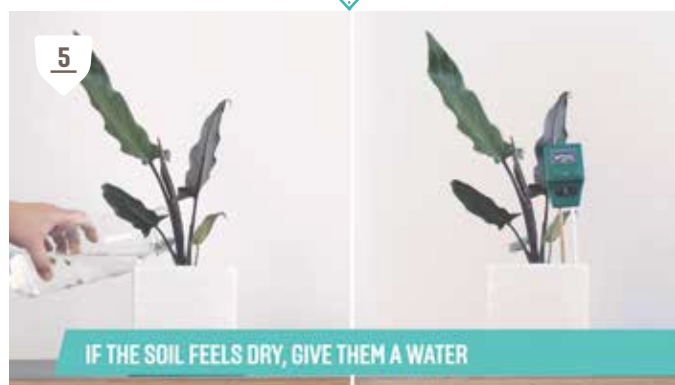




# TIPS FOR INDOOR PLANT SUCCESS

Whatever your choice of plant, creating your very own indoor oasis is an awesome way to add life into your indoor living spaces. Discover how to take great care of your indoor plants below.

- 1 Choose the right plant for the right place – most plants love a bright, well-lit spot rather than direct sunlight.
- 2 Now it's time to find the best pot – choose a pot with drainage holes or place pebbles in the bottom of the pot.
- 3 Choose a potting mix that is free draining like **Tui Indoor Plant Mix** to plant into. Water your plant before planting, take the plant from its current pot, place into a new pot and fill with mix up to 3cm from the top.
- 4 Keep an eye on your plants for any care they need, remove dead or unhealthy leaves and check for insects.
- 5 Know when to water your plants – feel if the soil is dry or use a moisture metre. Overwatering causes as much damage as underwatering.
- 6 Feed your plants regularly with **Tui Enrich Indoor Plant Pour & Feed** fertiliser to help them grow.



Watch this Tui Grow Guide video and discover more tips for your indoor plants at [tuiproductions.co.nz](https://tuiproductions.co.nz)

# SUMMER TOMATO PREP

Photo credit: @tiny\_farmstead

**Tomato season is just around the corner! Spring is the perfect time to plant tomatoes for summer salads, sandwiches and snacking straight off the vine. Tomato varieties vary in size, colour and flavour. Discover our top picks to choose from this spring.**

## CLASSICS

These tried and true varieties pack a flavour punch and deliver in abundance.

**Money Maker** – a reliable tall growing variety and heavy producer of a smooth, medium sized flavoursome tomato. Ideal for pickling and preserving.

**Beefsteak** – a very popular and reliable tomato which produces large flavoursome tomatoes. (Will need staking.)

**Russian Red** – reliable in cooler climates, Russian Red is a hardy tomato which produces heavy crops of good flavoured round fruit making it perfect for sauces, preserving and pickling.

## SALADS AND SANDWICHES

**Black paste** – a dark skinned plum tomato, revered by chefs and foodies for its slicing ability.

**Oxheart** – this fleshy big beauty is packed with flavour and has very few seeds.

**Grosse Lisse** – a tall growing variety that produces medium to large fruit full of flavour.

### Tomato Companions

- **Basil** will deter insects (including mosquitoes and flies) as well as help prevent diseases and improve growth and flavour of tomatoes.
- **Garlic** can be effective in overcoming diseases in tomatoes.
- **Carrots** and tomatoes are ideal companion plants to help each other grow.



## SMALL & SWEET

**Sweet 100** – growing on a vigorous bushy plant, Sweet 100 produces an abundance of sweet and juicy cherry sized tomatoes perfect for salads and summer snacking.

**Gold Nugget** – a golden cherry tomato that produces delicious tomatoes both quickly and prolifically. Grows to 100cm.

**Black Cherry** – A dark cherry tomato, producing an abundance of sweet rich flavoured fruit on a tall plant.

## SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT

Try mixing up shapes and colours for something fun.

**Bloody Butcher** – a heirloom variety of tomato produces medium sized, deep-red skinned flavoursome tomatoes that ripen quickly so this variety is ideal for areas with a shorter summer.

**Indigo Fireball** – one of the most interestingly coloured tomatoes available, the delicious yellow fruit features indigo pigments that are high in antioxidants.

**Golden Pear Drop** – a trailing tomato variety ideal for pots and containers, Golden Pear Drop is a high yielding tomato producing sweet pear-shaped, yellow fruit.





### Tui Urban Oasis Planter

New this spring, the Tui Urban Oasis Planter with a 16 litre water storage reservoir, a self watering feature and an extendable support frame and cover. It's portable, perfect for small spaces and provides a simple way to grow and support your fruit, veges and flowers.



### Tui Herb Mix 15L

A high quality planting mix containing the right blend of nutrients to provide your herbs with the best possible start, with added nitrogen to promote green, leafy, growth for continuous harvesting.



## SPRING PRODUCT PICKS

A new growing season has arrived and that means exciting new products to keep your garden healthy and refreshed. Discover our product picks for spring.



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### Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic + 25% Extra

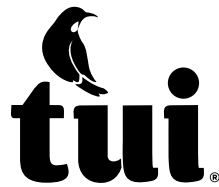
Everyone's favourite seaweed product has 25% extra free to keep your plants nice and healthy over spring. Regular applications on your garden will promote root growth, encourage fruit and flower production and help plants cope with heat and drought.



### Tui Worm Farm Kit

Make your own nutritious fertiliser from organic kitchen and garden waste with the Tui Worm Farm Kit. The kit includes a Tui Worm Farm, Tui Worm Farm & Compost Conditioner and a worm blanket.

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