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IN OUR NATURE**

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After reading, tear me up and put in with your kitchen and garden waste!







# KIA ORA SPRING!

The garden has awakened after winter and it's an exciting planting time with plenty of edibles and colour to enjoy. Grow delicious crops for the summer months, check in on your indoor plants and bring happiness to your garden and home with beautiful blooms.

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## Share what's in your nature and win!

This season we're celebrating what's in our nature – as Kiwis, as gardeners and as Tui. Share your spring garden snaps with #myprideofplace on Instagram or on our Facebook TuiGarden to be in to win a spring garden setup!

Discover what others are growing!





# GROW YOUR OWN SUMMER SPUDS

The humble potato is a staple on many dinner tables! Roasted, boiled, mashed or in a salad – they will always taste better from your own garden. Use the Tui Potato Grow Bag, a portable, reusable potato growing bag, to grow a bumper crop to enjoy this summer season.



@thekiwicountrygirl

## STEPS



1.

Choose your variety of Tui Certified Seed Potatoes based on the kind of potatoes your family likes to eat and cook with.



2.

Prepare your Tui Potato Grow Bag by adding 10cm of Tui Vegetable Mix to the base of the bag.



3.

Add 3-5 sprouted seed potatoes in the bag with the sprouts facing upwards.



4.

Cover the seed potatoes with a 5cm layer of Tui Vegetable Mix and gently pat down.



5.

Give your planted potatoes a nice big drink of Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic and apply at least once a month.







## TUI TIPS

1. Keep mounding potatoes as they grow with **Tui Vegetable Mix** up to 5cm from the top of the bag.
2. A month after planting add **Tui Enrich Vege, Tomato & Herb Controlled Release Fertiliser** to keep your potatoes thriving.

In no time you'll be enjoying your very own homegrown spuds!

## FEATURING THE NEW TUI POTATO GROW BAG

-  Sturdy handles make it easy to move to a sunny spot.
-  Easy access window makes it simple to harvest your homegrown spuds.
-  Also ideal for growing carrots or onions.
-  Perfect if you have a small space or need more room to grow potatoes!



# IT'S IN OUR NATURE

As Kiwis we love getting stuck in, getting our hands dirty and enjoying time outdoors – it's in our nature! The Kiwi can do, care, and ingenuity that's in all of us. This season we're celebrating what's in our nature: as Tui, as Kiwis, as gardeners.

**MUCKING IN** – getting involved in our community and helping others to success.

The Tui Team creating new vege beds at Greenpark School.



**WE'RE KIWI GARDENERS** – our team are creating and growing in the garden too! We're passionate about what we do and helping others grow.

Gemma & her daughters – Tui Marketing & Product Development Manager.



**CREATING GREAT** – we have the ideas and inspiration to help you create great and achieve your garden goals.



@hollielovesplants

**PRIDE IN OUR PLACE** – encouraging Kiwis to take pride in their garden and outdoor spaces, creating a community of gardeners that share and grow together!



@poppysfamyard

**RESPECT FOR NATURE & THE ENVIRONMENT** – we're on a journey to being more sustainable in the way we work and the products we produce. Discover our journey updates on page 8.



**GIVING A HELPING HAND** – we're enthusiastic to help Kiwis grow and learn in the garden and have the knowledge to do so.



It's in our nature, the green creator.  
It's the seeding, the feeding, the moves that you make.  
Nourishing and flourishing, giving back what we take.  
So, come over to ours and we'll show you how to grow plants naturally, at yours.  
Tui.

Share what's in your nature with [#myprideofplace](#) and win! Find out more on page 2.



# SHARING WHAT'S IN OUR NATURE

We're passionate about guiding and inspiring you on your garden journey. Meet Hannah from the Tui Team and Jenna from Oderings Garden Centre, one of our retail partners helping Kiwis grow.

Hannah growing her indoor plants



**Name:** Hannah

**Role:** Developing new and exciting products.

**Garden style:** An ever-growing indoor jungle.

**Fave indoor plants:** Fiddle leaf fig, ZZ plant, Golden pothos.

**Top garden tip:** Pick plants that work with your lifestyle. Between work, a child, social life and general forgetfulness, I have unintentionally neglected a few needy plant babies. Succulents, ZZ plants, and snake plants are great options for busy people!

**Essential Tui product:** Tui Indoor Plant Fertiliser Pods – a feed and forget staple in my home.



Tui Indoor Plant Pods

**Name:** Jenna

**Role:** Houseplant Buyer & Merchandiser at Oderings Garden Centre nationwide.

**Garden style:** Minimalist and contemporary.

**Top 3 garden tasks:** Dethatch your lawn, Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic everything and use Vaporgard as a sunblock and frost protectant.

**Top garden tip:** Mulching keeps your garden looking fresh and hydrated.

**Essential Tui product:** Tui LawnForce All Purpose Lawn Fertiliser. I love my lawn!



Tui LawnForce All Purpose Lawn Fertiliser

Jenna - contemporary gardener



## OUR SPRING ROAD TRIP

The Tui Team are hitting the road and visiting stores around the country on our 'It's in our Nature' Roadtrip! Join us to chat all things gardening and spin our winning wheel for your chance to win awesome prizes and product for a thriving spring garden!

**Come and say hello in....**

- **September:** Auckland, Hamilton, Tauranga, Taupo, Napier
- **October:** Wellington, Nelson, Christchurch, Dunedin
- **November:** Queenstown & Wanaka

Visit [tuigarden.co.nz](http://tuigarden.co.nz) for a full list of locations, dates, and times. We look forward to seeing you there!



# MY PRIDE OF PLACE: AMANDA'S BACKYARD CONTAINER GARDEN

Amanda growing veges in her Palmerston North patch



**Name:** Amanda - Urban Harvester

 @mykiwilife

**Location:** Palmerston North

**Garden size:** 10m x 1m (10m<sup>2</sup>)

My garden started humbly with a few small herb pots from the supermarket. I always had an itch to have a proper vege garden after growing up watching my mum and grandfather in theirs. For me it's all about balancing growing practical veges with beautiful flowers and providing a habitat for birds and pollinators.

**Check out Amanda's garden on the front cover too!**

At first, I loved gardening because I was able to grow veges that I was missing from growing up in America, and had trouble finding in New Zealand shops. Things like tomatillos, chillies or okra. However, I quickly realised just how therapeutic it was to be out in the garden, not just physically but also mentally. It also gives me a sense of accomplishment when I can grow something from a tiny seed that I can then make a meal with - it's a truly amazing feeling!

My container garden sits on the concrete pad at the back of our flat. It's north facing and gets great sun exposure all year. I have 58 containers in total, ranging in size from 2 litres for herbs up to 60 litres for my lime tree.

Gardening while living in a rental seemed daunting at first because I couldn't build any permanent structures or damage the property, so containers were the obvious solution. Being on a tight budget I had to start very small in my first year and only had a few containers. The key for me has been slowly adding to that whenever there is some extra room in the budget, and not getting everything all at once. It can be quite tempting to have a full, complete garden right from the start but it's not always realistic. Building things up slowly has also given me time to observe and understand the weather and sun patterns in my backyard so I can be more mindful with my garden additions.

Right now, I'm growing all kinds of cool season veges and flowers that can take a little frost - broccoli, cauliflower, lots of leafy greens, snap peas, carrots, onions and garlic. I also have quite a few flowers - pansies, violas, primula, snapdragons and wallflowers all in bloom. These will grow until it's time to plant summer crops!

Amanda's garden hideaway



Fresh garden salad

## TOP 5 SMALL SPACE CROPS:

- 1. Leafy greens:** spinach, chard, kale. They're nutrient dense and fairly easy to grow, especially in the cooler months. They can be grown in any kind of container, even a slim trough-style that takes up very little room.
- 2. Courgette/squash:** I grow mine in 30 or 40 litre grow bags – just one plant can produce a lot of food. If you can train them to grow upwards, you'll save a lot of room as well.
- 3. Cucumbers:** Ditto! And turning excess cucumbers into pickles couldn't be easier!
- 4. Herbs:** anything you like to cook with can be grown quite easily in a small pot. Thyme, rosemary, oregano, parsley and coriander all have permanent homes in my garden.
- 5. Citrus:** most people probably have a lemon tree or know someone who does, but we can also grow other citrus here like limes, mandarins and oranges. Look for dwarf varieties, keep them fed regularly and they'll eventually start producing for you!



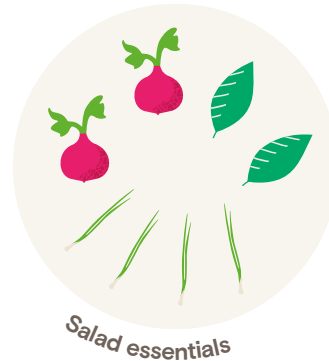
# CREATING YOUR SPRING GARDEN

Spring is the perfect time to plant for fresh homegrown goodies and a pop of colour to brighten your outdoor spaces. Follow our planting plans to make the most of your garden area and discover the joy of 'growing your own'.



## HALF WINE BARREL

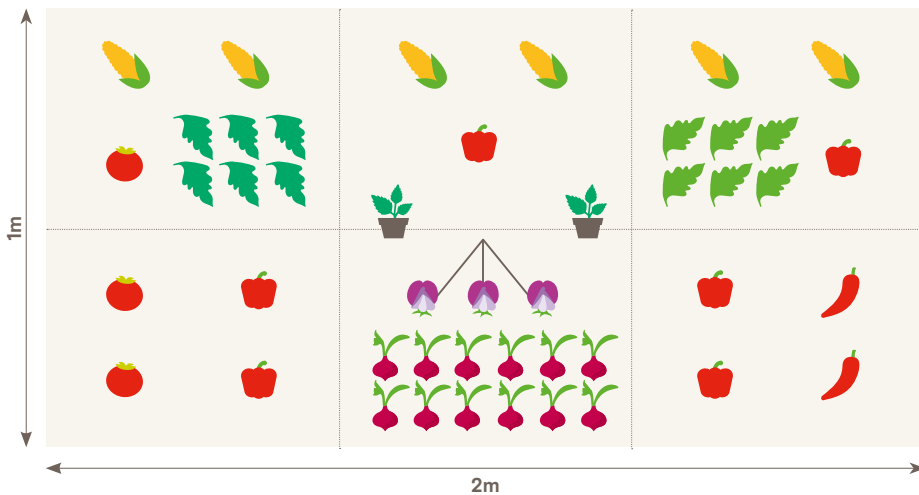
- Key:
- Lime tree x 1
  - Pineapple sage x 1
  - Mint x 1
  - Basil x 1
  - Viola x 1



## FLEXI TUB

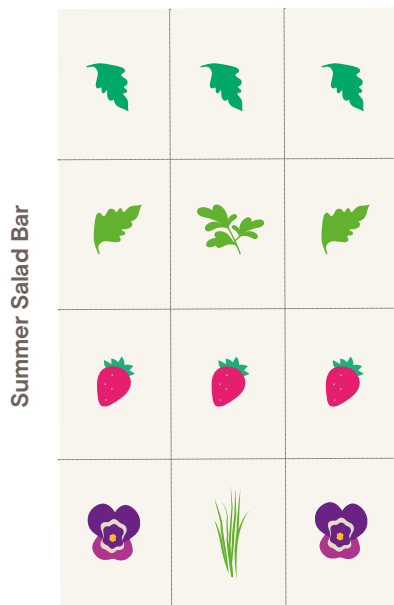
- Key:
- Radish x 2
  - Spring onion x 4
  - Spinach x 2

Remember to add drainage holes to the bottom of containers.



## RAISED GARDEN BED

- Key:
- Sweetcorn x 6
  - Tomatoes x 3
  - Lettuce - Little Gems x 6
  - Rocket x 6
  - Capsicum x 6
  - ^ Sweetpea x 3 (grown on tepee)
  - Beetroot x 12
  - Chilli x 2
  - Mint in pot x 2 (the pot will help contain the mint roots)



## VERTICAL WALL PLANTER

- Key:
- Lettuce x 3
  - Rocket x 2
  - Parsley x 1
  - Strawberries x 3
  - Chives x 1
  - Pansy x 2

**KIDS GARDEN IDEA:** create a bee friendly tub with marigolds, zinnas and snapdragons!

## PLANTING AND CARE

- For garden beds dig in compost and **Tui Sheep Pellets** and then add a layer of **Tui Performance Naturals Vegetable Mix** before planting.
- Fill containers with **Tui Performance Naturals Potting Mix**, and wall planters with **Tui Outdoor Container Mix**.
- Regularly give your plants a healthy boost with **Tui Performance Naturals Liquid Fertilisers**. Containing 100% natural ingredients and the addition of seaweed to keep your plants thriving.

Discover more to plant in your region with our handy planting calendar







## HELPING THE NEXT GENERATION GROW!

With our continued support of the Garden to Table programme, we have: donated \$90,000 in total, provided starter packs to primary schools and attended community days at local schools to set up new vege garden beds in time for spring. This helps the children grow food to share and use in their kitchen lessons. These community days also provide a fun way for the Tui Team to share their gardening skills.

## RECYCLE GARDEN BAGS

We're proud to be part of the Soft Plastics Recycling Scheme and to announce they have recently extended drop off points around the country. The scheme now covers approximately 76% of New Zealanders with drop off points for soft plastic packaging to be recycled.

Our growing media, compost, fertiliser, lawn seed and bird seed bags are eligible for recycling at drop off points.

Packaging is then recycled into either BioGro certified organic fence posts or garden beds at Future Post in Waiuku, or into ducting and other products at Second Life Plastics in Levin.



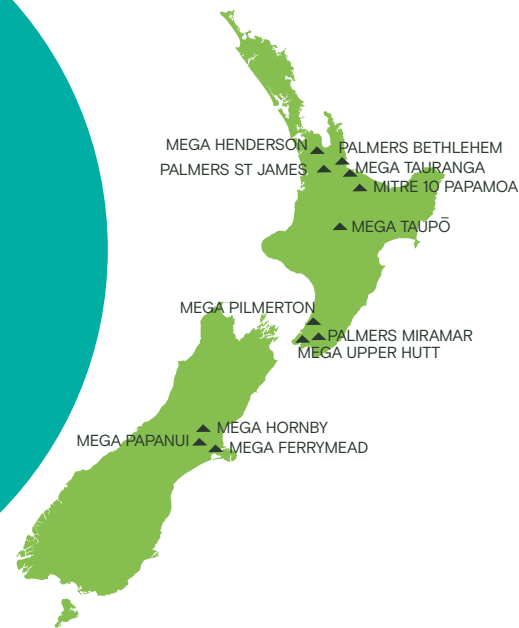
## REFILL YOUR SEAWEED!

Following the successful trial of our Tui Seaweed refill station, we are excited to be rolling it out to 12 more stores this spring. Locations are outlined on the map below. Spread the word and bring your empty Tui Organic Seaweed Plant Tonic or Tui Seaweed & Fish Fertiliser bottles to give it a go!

### Simply:

- Bring in your empty **Tui Organic Seaweed / Tui Seaweed & Fish** bottle
- Ask a friendly team member to refill for you
- Pay at checkout

# OUR SUSTAINABILITY



## RECENT PACKAGING IMPROVEMENTS

- 96% of our growing media/compost bags are now made with 50% recycled plastic.
- All Tui Enrich Controlled Release Fertiliser 500g pottles have now moved to 100% recycled plastic.
- Tui Bird Seed 10kg variants have changed from woven plastic to paper packaging.

# JOURNEY



## BECOMING CARBON NEUTRAL

We have been accredited carbon neutral since 2020 for **Scope 1:** this covers our direct emissions from sites and vehicles, and **Scope 2:** this covers our indirect emissions from energy production and our use of it. We're now commencing **Scope 3** initiatives - this means offsetting emissions created by our suppliers. Our first project in this space was reducing and offsetting our Tui growing media packaging carbon footprint.





# SPRING INDOOR PLANT CARE

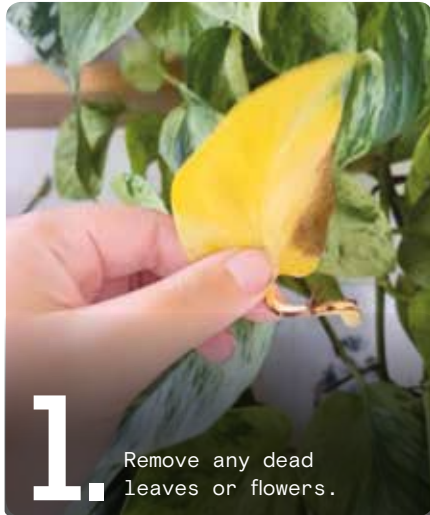
Follow these steps to get the most from your plant babies this spring with indoor plant queen Hollie

@hollielovesplants



Hollie in her tiny home oasis

## STEPS



**1.** Remove any dead leaves or flowers.



**2.** Water!



**3.** Feed! You can check the pot size on the bottom of most pots so you provide the correct dosage. After feeding add a little water on top to help it filter down to the roots.



**4.** With a warm, damp cloth wipe down the front and back of plants leaves. Check for bugs as you go!



**5.** If you find any bugs spray the whole plant with Tui Indoor Insect Spray and repeat this weekly until the bugs are completely gone.

### WATERING TIP

Pop your finger into the soil (up to your first knuckle), if it comes out dry – water it, if it comes out wet/damp – it's not ready to water yet.

Use the sink, shower, or hose, ensuring the water runs right through the pot, and allow it to fully drain. Don't water in its cover pot!



ENRICH INDOOR PLANT CONTROLLED RELEASE FERTILISER

ENRICH POUR & FEED INDOOR PLANT FERTILISER

INDOOR PLANT FERTILISER PODS

✓	- Feed & forget - Feeds the soil & plants	- Results in 7 days - No mixing required	- Fuss free feeding - Simply push into the soil
📅	Every 6 months	Every 2-4 weeks	Every 6 months

We love seeing the indoor plants that fill your homes. Share your indoor plant snaps with #tuiplantparent on Instagram and you could win a new plant + pot along with everything you need to care for it.

# HOMEGROWN FLOWER HAPPINESS



**Name:** Hayley, flower grower at Maie Bloom Flower Farm

**@maiebloomflowers**

**Location:** Manawatu

**Garden size:** 1/2 acre

My story started with growing flowers purely for the practical reason of attracting pollinators to my garden. Now, I grow flowers not only for better fruit set in my fruit and vege patch, but also to feed the bees, butterflies, and other pollinators as part of a thriving ecosystem in my garden. I also grow for the beauty flowers bring to my life and the joy sharing them with others brings.

When we first moved to our property, all that existed were paddocks, a shed, and our house. The first thing we did was start to plan and build a garden. We planted mainly fruit and veges to feed ourselves and our family and friends. I dotted a few flowers in the vege patch to encourage bees and pollinators.

As the seasons progressed, I found myself making space for more flowers. My flower seed collection expanded as I learnt more about different kinds of flowers I could grow and just how easy many were to grow from seed. I have always loved photography and began photographing the blooms and seeing the positivity they generated online.

Eventually I developed a cut flower patch so I could share bouquets along with our fruit and veges. I started to bring bunches of flowers inside to make floral arrangements and found even more joy and relaxation in that too. I fell in love with the colour and happiness they bring to a space. I also love the joy they bring to a person receiving a thoughtfully arranged bouquet. Soon, I was flower obsessed! I continued to develop my cut flower garden and have also included shrubs and perennials to expand our growing season. This has allowed us to start our own little boutique flower farm.



## Best bee blooms

- Sunflowers
- Borage
- Echinacea

## Best picking flowers

- Strawflowers
- Dahlias
- Zinnias

## Quick wins for colour

- Cosmos
- Petunias
- Pansies or violas





# SPRING FRUIT TREE MAINTENANCE

Fresh fruit picked straight of the tree is a real treat! Good watering, feeding and cultural practices will reduce the need to spray and promote a bumper crop.

## KEY TASKS

- Be vigilant, walk the garden regularly and observe! If you see a problem or a potential problem, take action to prevent it spreading.
- Fertilise fruit trees in early spring using a general garden fertiliser or specialty fruit fertiliser like **Tui Enrich Fruit, Citrus, Tree & Shrub Controlled Release Fertiliser**.



## FUNGAL DISEASE

Warm, damp spring weather is the ideal breeding ground for fungal diseases. The soft new growth and emerging flowers are vulnerable to diseases such as leaf curl (peaches and nectarines), black spot (apples and pears), botrytis (berries), and bacterial blast (stonefruit).

- Preventative sprays of copper in spring help protect trees against disease. If it rains, spray the tree again. Once flowers emerge, stop spraying with copper until later in the season so you don't burn any soft new growth.
- Collect up any fallen curled leaves to prevent the disease spreading in the soil.

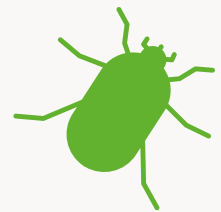
## INSECT PESTS

Watch out for insect pests such as aphids, scale insect, passionvine hopper, whitefly, mites and mealy bug! Codling moth are active in September/October. Guava moth don't have a seasonal cycle, they move from host to host all year round.

- Use spraying oil at regular intervals to break the life cycle and control insect pests. Alternatively, you can try a safe low toxicity insecticide.
- Sometimes the easiest way to control passionvine hopper and whitefly is to hose them off at regular intervals, especially on citrus.
- Place pheromone traps in pip fruit trees to capture the male codling moth and break the lifecycle. Grease bands can also be used around the tree to prevent larvae climbing up the trunk from hibernation.
- Hang guava moth traps in feijoas and citrus as soon as the fruit sets. Replenish traps and keep them hanging until the fruit is harvested.

## TOP TIPS

- If you spray edible plants, check the time between spraying and being able to consume the fruit (the withholding period). Even natural controls can have withholding periods. Always wash fruit before you eat it!
- Accept that sometimes the weather can be against us, but there is always next season, so don't give up!



# GET YOUR LAWN SUMMER READY!

Sort your lawn with our ProGrade LawnForce products to enjoy the results when summer arrives.



## SOW & PATCH

Provide an essential base of nutrients, and choose a seed suited to your climate and lawn use.



## REVITALISE, THICKEN & GREEN

Top-up with essential nutrients for a thick, healthy and green lawn.



## WANDER BAREFOOT

Ensure a lush, prickle free lawn with this dual action formulation.



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