

# GARDEN diary

## December/January job file

The Christmas season and the New Year period provide a wonderful, holiday opportunity for everyone to make the most of their outdoor space whether it's an expansive garden, patio area, decking, terrace or balcony. With a little planning and attention your garden can be beautifully presented throughout the summer months.

### Planting

Sweet basil from the Grower's Pride seed range is a traditional favourite and the warm summer period is the perfect time to begin sowing. Basil requires plenty of water and weekly doses of Aquasol soluble plant food will produce results in just 6 weeks.

Oregano is incredibly versatile and will complement most Italian dishes. Oregano is ideal in pasta, vegetables, salads, pizza, meat and seafood. With the Growers Pride Oregano seeds reaching maturity in 8-10 weeks, sowing now is timely for Autumn cooking.

### Nurturing

Hortico's Organic Garden Fertiliser 10kg can be used on ALL plants which, in an age of readily available manufactured fertilisers means the value of organic plant nutrition should not be forgotten.

An organic fertiliser allows the slow release of valuable nutrients to be absorbed by plants as and when required.



It also improves the structure of the soil when spread to a depth of 5-7cm and dug into the topsoil.

Hortico Organic Garden Fertiliser contains; Composted Manure – which is rich in organic matter proven to improve moisture retention and encourage microbial and earthworm activity.

### Lawn Care

A beautiful lawn can have a dramatic effect on a home or building.

Landscape plantings are accentuated and the strong lines of walls,

driveways and patios are softened by an expanse of grass.

The Hortico range includes Lawn Seed and Lawn Food – both ideally suited to the Australian weather and climate conditions.

It is essential to understand the feeding guidelines for your lawn as underfeeding will give poor results and overfeeding causes wasteful nutrient run-off and may burn your lawn. Measuring of the lawn will ensure the correct amount of fertiliser per square metre and considerably improve the final results.



Well-established lawns need fertilising at least 3 times per year and

applications in early spring, early summer and mid autumn will generate the best results.



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