

CARING FOR GARDENS DURING THE AUTUMN AND WINTER MONTHS

Message from the Estate's Senior Horticulturist, Rory Phelan

Now that autumn is here and winter is approaching, it may seem like a time of rest for the garden, but in fact, it can be quite busy. Planting season in the Western Cape is in April and May, so it's time to consider planting winter-flowering annuals and spring-flowering perennials. As the sap in plants begins to fall and leaves change colour, trees and shrubs prepare for a period of dormancy and recuperation. This is an excellent time to prune back shrubs after the last flush of flowers and prepare them for new growth in the spring. Doing so also allows more winter sun and air to penetrate the garden, which is important for healthy growth. You can remove old groundcovers and plan for new plantings, considering indigenous flowering perennials such as Gazania, Arctotis, Namaqua Daisy (Osteospermum), Barleria, Falkia (White Carpet), Felecia, and Plectranthus, among others.

A tip for gardeners during the autumn and winter months is to take advantage of plants being pruned back to consider changes and improvements to the garden. This is a great time to evaluate the garden layout and plan for new designs and plantings. Renovating paths, structures, paving, and irrigation can also be done at this time. Consider brightening up the landscape with Cape flora like Proteas, Pincushions, and Fynbos plants by remaking a rock garden with a gravel surround.

With the onset of winter rains, trees and shrubs can be planted and left to establish their root systems through the winter months, ready to burst into life again in the spring. Now is the time to plan for a garden full of rewarding colour in the spring and a bright summer ahead. Some winter-flowering annuals include Iceland Poppies, Violas, Pansies, Foxgloves, Snapdragons, English Daisy (Bellis perennis), Sweet William (Dianthus sp.), and Primulas (P. malacoides, P. obconica, and P. acaulis). Plant them in beds, containers, window boxes, and hanging baskets.



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Please note that the Pearl Valley Gym, Back's Restaurant and Deli will be open during this period.

A reminder that Louis de Jager is available at the HOA offices in the Pearl Valley Clubhouse between 08:00 and 09:00 on Wednesday mornings to meet informally with residents and answer security-related questions.

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