

Mauways Nursery

The Garden in JULY

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WINTER IS HERE and it is time to have a rest?

Well as I write this newsletter it is hailing outside wet and cold and only 8.30am

Well its is time to put the

Garden to bed for the winter and may be a wee rest for ourselves as well.

THE FLOWER GARDEN

July marks the end of the year for some and the beginning for others Frosts are starting to appear so it is time to put out the frost clothes and cover and protect those precious treasures you have If over winter you do find the garden drying out as it can do water only in the morning Time now to prune back your perennials and mulch the flower garden and put to bed with a good layer of pea straw or well composted leaves etc

By doing this it will help keep your weeds at bay and protect the winter dormant plants from the frosts There will still be snails and slugs around so destroy them Scale can be a problem in warm gardens use Lime Sulphur to kill it BUT it cannot be used at full strength on plants that are in leaf or flower Also copper based sprays are most useful for help-

ing to keep the garden fungal free as well

Propagation and Division

Now is the time to take root cuttings from many perennials Dig plants and divide by using a sharp knife Cover any cut areas with a fungicide (Flowers of Sulphur is good) to protect and heal the new plants

Prune Hydrangeas by at least half the full grown height to a fat bud

You can start pruning roses as well the later you prune the later they start to flower

Use lime Sulphur as a general cleanup on deciduous trees Plant new trees shrubs and perennials now

BULBS CORMS & TUBERS

Tulips can still be planted now Along with Gladiolus in warmer areas.

Japanese Iris can be planted now side dress now with bulb food or bone dust

ROSES

Pruning can start now always prune to an outside bud as shown below and also remove any crossed branches, old wood and weak growth Well pruned roses should look symmetrical the have an open cen-

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LAWNS

Mid winter lawns need little care and almost no mowing In the colder gardens where frosts are likely try to avoid walking on the lawns where the frost is still there as this will blacken the lawn and almost kill the grass

VEGETABLE GARDEN

If you haven't sown then do so your garlic the old story is to plant on the shortest day and harvest on the longest day In warmer areas you have a larger array of vegetables for planting to choose from Small regular sowings of vegetables is better than big crops so that you have a variety coming on all the time look at planting now in warm areas

Broccoli, Cabbage Carrots Cauliflowers onions potatoes as long as there are no frosts where you are planting them

Colder areas

Broad beans, cabbage cauliflower silverbeet garlic some lettuces

Plant individual cloves of garlic at 10-12cm apart

FRUIT TREES

Planting of your fruit can continue this month right through to the end of August Pruning and spray should almost be completed by now and the ground cleared of all rotten fruit an rubbish

All pip fruit to be pruned by the end of this month

The Prunes varieties are better pruned in late August as the sap begins to rise and this prevents diseases like silver leaf

All grape and Kiwi fruit vines must be pruned soon before the sap begins to rise otherwise they will continue to bleed after pruning

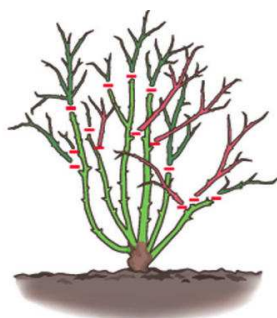
We have a large range available at our nursery of

Fruit Trees and Ornamental trees that have just arrived in stock along with our new Roses Here is a list below of some of the fruit and Deciduous trees These are only available from the nursery

- Acer Palmatum
- Albiza Rosea
- Cercis Forest pansy
- Chimonanthus Praecox
- Cotinus Royal Purple
- Cornus Controversa
- Cotoneaster
- Davidia Involucrata
- Gledestia
- Kalmia
- Laburnum Wateri Vossii
- Liquidambar
- Malus
- Prunus
- Robinia
- Scorbus



Davidia involucrata



Prunus pendula
Rosea



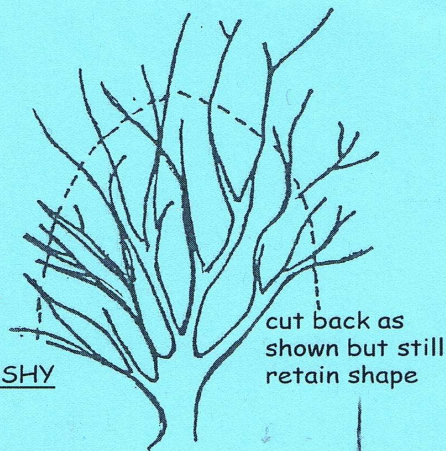
DIAGRAM OF HOW TO PRUNE BARE ROOTED TREES

PRUNING OF BARE-ROOTED TREES

This is one of the most important phases of the trees survival.

Prune at least one third to one half from the tree making sure you prune to an outside bud.

BUSHY

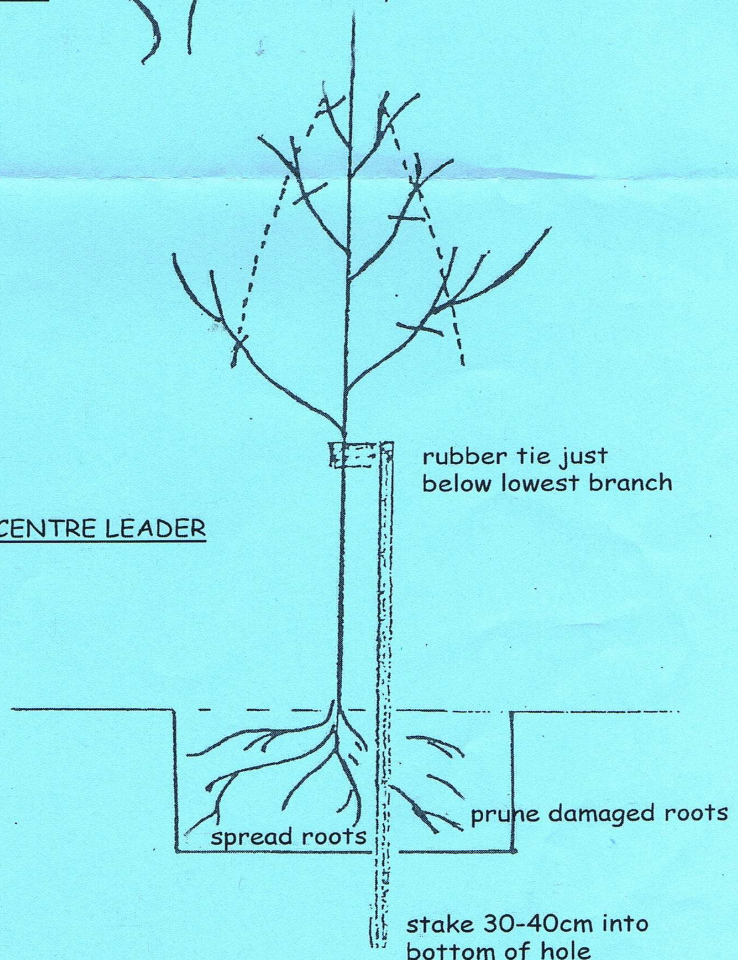


On centre leader trees thin out the side branches, then prune back the rest.

Bushy plants - prune all over.

The logic of pruning is simply that the roots have been cut, so a balance between branches and roots must be achieved to minimise stress to the plant.

CENTRE LEADER





Recipe for the month

Tan Fingers or Square

6ozs butter

3ozs sugar

10 oz flour

1/2 tsp vanilla essence

Cream butter & sugar until white add essence and flour work till soft Line sponge tin
Roll out and spread 3/4 of mixture to cover tray

Topping

2ozs butter

2 Tablespoons Golden Syrup

1/2 tin of condensed milk

Place in pot and warm to mix together spread over base and then crumble remaining
base of top and bake at 180 deg until tan in colour YUMMMM