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Creating CLEAN & HEALTHY Spaces

JANUARY GARDENING IN GAUTENG

Bask in the glory of your garden
in high summer with our
Gauteng gardening guide for
January.

This month we have some
seasonal gardening tips and
water-saving suggestions to
help your garden flourish.



SPOTLIGHT ON Watering Responsibly

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SPOTLIGHT ON WATERING RESPONSIBLY

Since Gauteng is typically dry during the high summer season,
it's crucial that you adopt some water-saving techniques.
These are our water-wise tips:

- Only water your garden between 5am and 7am to prevent any water wastage.
- Ensure you keep most of the watering to the root zone of plants, or install a drip irrigation system to feed water directly where it's needed.
- Collect and harvest rainwater. Water tanks, inflatable pools and rain chains are all great tools for doing this.
- Replace lawn with pebbles, gravel or low water-usage groundcovers.
- Gradually replace thirsty plants with water-wise varieties, such as dianthus, vinca, petunia and gazania



ON YOUR TO-DO LIST FOR JANUARY



Plant & Sow

- Fill empty pockets with colour by planting marigolds and vinca (both heat-loving, water-wise plants).
- Plant shade plants such as begonia, impatiens, lobelia and coleus varieties.
- Summer is a good time to refresh the vegetable garden. Plant new crops of radishes, lettuce, cherry tomatoes, and sweet basil, coriander and other herbs.
- (Pro tip: Remember to rotate your crops, as this improves soil fertility.)
- Cape gooseberry can be sown in trays this month.

Prune & Trim

- Lightly trim fuchsias, roses and hibiscus plants to ensure renewed growth for the next half of summer.
- Once salvias have finished flowering, cut them back to encourage new growth in autumn.
- Add compost to roses after a light pruning to encourage new flowers. Snap off any suckers (light green, thornless shoots) growing from the base of the bushes.
- If your lawn is old, feels sponge-like and is difficult to mow without 'scalping', cut it as low as possible by crosscutting and lowering the blade after each cut. This will get rid of the layer of dead thatch hiding between the soil surface and the green top.



Feed

- Feed roses with Atlantic Fertilisers Flower & Fruit to encourage new summer growth.
- Add compost to roses to improve the condition of the soil and retain water and food.
- Water full-sun pot plants daily and feed weekly with Multifeed Classic.
- Shaded and semi-shaded pot plants should be watered every 2-3 days, and fed weekly with Multifeed Classic. (Note: Water requirements may differ depending on the temperature of the area.)





2025 GARDENING & PLANT TRENDS

Sustainability, biodiversity, native species, plants for pollinators and big, bold houseplants look to be among the gardening trends of 2025.

Sustainable & Ethical Choices

As climate awareness grows, so does the demand for ethically sourced plants and sustainable practices. In 2025, plant enthusiasts will be making more conscientious choices, preferring those grown without harmful pesticides and sourced from responsible nurseries. In addition to the ethical concerns surrounding artificial cultivation methods, plants grown under these conditions often struggle when they are brought home, as artificial growing conditions fail to provide the resilience that natural growing practices do. To support the transition, use a natural plant food watered into the soil or sprayed onto the leaves as a foliar feed.

2025 sees a surge in upcycled and reclaimed materials used for plant stands and indoor plant display units, creating unique and eco-conscious pieces that resonate with both plant lovers and environmental advocates.

Rare & Exotic Plants Gain Popularity

Plant collectors have long pursued rare and exotic species, but in 2025, these plants become more mainstream.

With the rise of specialized plant nurseries and online communities, the hunt for unique and unusual plants will expand beyond the traditional enthusiast and into the realm of mainstream home decorating. The allure of a one-of-a-kind houseplant that turns heads will drive more people to learn about propagation and nurturing rare species at home.

**“To plant a garden
is to believe in
tomorrow”**



Miniature Indoor Jungles

Size isn't everything in the world of houseplants. While large, statement-making plants like fiddle leaf figs and bird-of-paradise have been popular, 2025 sees the rise of small-scale ecosystems that give us plant lovers opportunity to create tiny indoor jungles on any indoor surface.

Our recommendation for the new year is moss terrariums, miniature fruit trees, curated clusters of succulents and bulbs grown in glass containers to show off their intricate root systems to the max. Go forth and multiply your shelves, desks and window ledges.



The Return of the Fern

Fuelled by a desire for low-maintenance plants that are adaptable and forgiving of our indoor microclimates, the often-overlooked fern is poised to make a strong comeback in 2025.

From the delicate, frilly fronds of the maidenhair to the more robust and tropical staghorn variety, these plants are perfect for creating depth and texture in an indoor space.