



Gardening Tips for September 2025

All the tips for September come from a booklet entitled MONTHLY NOTES produced by the members of the Robina Garden Club Inc. over twenty years ago.

1. GERBERA.

September is a good time to divide gerbera – especially if the clumps are crowded. Dig up the plant then remove most of the leaves back to a few centimetres above the stalk. Trim back the roots and split the clump with a clean knife. Replant with the crown slightly above the soil level.

2. GARDENIA

It is not uncommon for Gardenias to start to get yellow leaves. This is a sign of magnesium deficiency. If this happens sprinkle a tablespoon of Epsom salts around the plant and water in. Obviously do not prune gardenia till after it has finished flowering.

3. BULBS

Bulbs like hippeastrums are not yet in bloom but other bulbs (like narcissus and daffodils if you planted some) are already or about to finish flowering. Remember to let their leaves die naturally – they are feeding the plant for next season. Add some bone meal, complete fertiliser or liquid manure to boost the bulb for next year's flowering.

4. CHRYSANTHEMUMS

These are another plant that has finished flowering for the year. September is a good time to dig them to subdivide and/or propagate. First remove the old crowns and then use a clean knife to subdivide the clump. Replant where wanted.

5. PELARGONIUMS/GERANIUMS

These are going to come into their own in the next couple of months so time to tip prune. Don't go overboard but a good tip prune back to an outward facing node thickens them up.