



Gardening Tips for October 2025

1. SUMMER COLOUR

For summer colour if you have limited space use hanging baskets. Pot up now with seedlings of e.g. alyssum, lobelia, calibrachoa (*Million bells*), or portulaca on edges with e.g. marigold, zinnia, geranium and torenia in the centre. 25 ideas at - (<https://plantisima.com/flowers-that-thrive-in-hanging-baskets-all-summer-long/>)

2. CANNAS

Cannas are 'waking up' now after their winter recess. Before they get away remove any old leaves then they can be divided up and spread around the garden or to friends. (<https://plantcaretoday.com/>)

3. LEMON TREES

If buying a new lemon tree look at the graft union - the area where the rootstock and the productive lemon join. If any suckers below the graft point, put it back or spend all your time getting rid of suckers that risk taking over. (*ABC Gardening Australia*). (Applies to most grafted trees!).

4. GRASSHOPPERS

For organic gardeners plant the herb horehound (*Marrubium vulgare*) and/or calendula as natural repellants. (*Goldenharvestorganics.com*).

5. CLOVER/BINDII

To remove clover/bindii in kikuyu/couch use 'weed & feed' type spray but buffalo lawns are much more sensitive to chemicals so not on them. Digging it out by hand or 'spot poison' each one is best for buffalo grass. (*Burkes Backyard*).