



Gardening Tips for Summer 2025

1. If buying new plants many say 'full sun' in their 'growing conditions' list. In gardening language '*full sun*' means six hours of direct sun minimum. '*Partial shade*' usually means the plant will not cope with full afternoon sun. '*Full shade*' usually means a plant will still cope with three hours of early morning sun. (www.easysshed.com.au)
2. As noted before the heat of summer sun will dry out pots so they need to be watched carefully. If a pot does dry out re-hydrating the centre of the pot can be difficult. Best to get as large a 'bucket' as you can and soak the whole pot in it for a period – bare minimum till air bubbles stop rising. (www.queenslandgardening.com)
3. For most of us it is probably too late but if you are developing a new garden it is wise to use "*hydrozoning*" – placing drought tolerant in one bed/place and water hungry ones in another bed. Results in more efficient watering. For most of us that is best done as you replace plants that die. (www.chandlerparklandscaping.com.au)
4. If you have roses deadhead constantly in Dec. and Jan. Prune rambles especially (e.g. Banksia, Albas) to boost flowering later. To discourage spider mites that like it hot and dry water under leaves in early morning. (www.qld.rose.org.au)
5. If you have Euphorbia consistent wet weather can lead to the soil getting too wet for them – they like well-drained drier conditions. Don't hose till soil is quite dry. (www.pga.com.au)