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NEWSLETTER

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First month of winter, the days are dark and the moon is hanging low, long into the morning. This year's winter solstice is on June 21 at 10.07 pm, Nelson.

At this time the sun is at its most northerly point in the sky. At the middle of the day it reaches its lowest altitude, from the northern horizon for the year.

Thousands of people celebrate the event around the world, including in New Zealand, where the winter solstice traditionally marked Matariki. A cluster of stars which rises in mid winter and is for many Maori the start of a new year. Good news from now on the days will slowly start to get longer again.

New Zealand gardeners and growers traditionally plant their garlic seeds around now.



Gabriele Meermann

***Garlic seed for planting and eating available in store now.
So are broad beans and peas.***

Winter time is Soup and Stew time

Kiwi Seed covers the basic ingredients —
split peas, barley and lentils.

Think about this, with hundreds of recipes available,
you could have soup every day for dinner this winter.
250g and 500g packs instore.



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Kindness is like snow, it beautifies everything it covers.
Kahlil Gibran



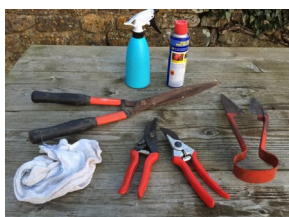


By now all leaves have fallen and it's time to build up your soil structure by digging in organic compost, general fertiliser, Kiwi Seed garden pellets or sheep manure pellets.

Gypsum helps to improve the soil structure as it breaks the clay. A little now and then onto the compost pile along with lime also helps to produce a friable, fertile soil.

Fibre Earth Mulch is a great natural and ecological friendly way to supply nutrients, weed suppression, moisture retention at the same time. Ideal in no dig gardens and you can plant your seedlings straight into the mix with topsoil.

By the way broccoli, broad beans, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, onions, peas, spinach, garlic and shallots is what you can plant now. Cover crops such as lupins and oats are great green manure crops and are usually worked into the soil late winter.



On a cold day take the time to look after your garden tools. Give a good clean with bicarbonate of soda. Sharpening of secateurs and adding some drops of oil are necessary to do a good pruning job.

It's also time to start pruning your fruit trees and flowering shrubs— once they have finished flowering. Remember to seal larger pruning cuts with pruning paste to protect your trees from diseases.

Looking after your indoor plants can also be done while it's too cold outside – trim back roots and replant into fresh potting mix mixed with a teaspoon of neem and some crumbed up garden pellets or other fertiliser. Give water as required, keep their leaves dust free and place them close to the window so they can get as much light during the short days as possible.

Fresh herbs on the windowsill can be harvested through the winter as needed and are great sprinkled on meals or enjoyed as teas.



Dunstan Sugarbeet Flakes is a natural feed, providing energy, fibre and calcium. It is an ideal complement to oats and bran, helping to balance the diet of horses and ponies.

Also available crushed or rolled barley to keep condition on the horses through the winter months.

Kiwi Seed Multigrain horse and pony meal is a complete feed made to maintain your horse's good condition and provide basic but essential nutrition. Allow access to pasture, hay and chaff as required.



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