



EASY CARE
GARDENING

Handy Hints 1

- Choose hardy perennials that need very little division or deadheading and can withstand summer heat and occasional drought. Some plants are better adapted to hot, dry conditions than others.
- Ensure pathways, driveways and steps are free of leaves, blossoms and moss so they are safe.
- Prune growth that overhangs pathways and passageways to allow easy access.



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Handy Hints 2



- Minimise your collection of pot plants as they need a lot of care - only keep favourite plants and those that are flourishing.
- Be aware that vegetation needs to be trimmed away from windows to allow good ventilation and light into the home, and this is also a good security measure.
- Prune growth that overhangs roof gutters, as debris accumulating in gutters can cause leaking gutters and can cause downpipes to block.

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Handy Hints 3

- Watch vines such as wisteria, ivy and jasmine as these vines can strangle trees, invade eaves of the house or encroach on the neighbours' garden.
- Watch out for uninvited guests in your garden - seedlings of privet, camphor laurel and rhus trees as these can flourish in any condition.
- Continue to mulch garden beds with newspapers as well as leaves, barkchip or lucerne as this helps to suppress weeds and retain soil moisture.



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Handy Hints 4



- When pruning shrubs always make the cut just above a node. This is where a new shoot will emerge. Any stem above the node will die back and could be a source of disease.
- Daily watering of the garden only creates rapid growth and extra work - mulching, careful plant selection and natural rainfall have more merit.
- If using pots, think big. Using larger pots with a good potting mix and water crystals is more plant friendly.

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