

# GARDEN MAINTENANCE AND ITS VALUE

## Garden Maintenance

Garden maintenance is vitally important to the continued health and aesthetics of your garden. It adds capital growth to your property, is an investment in your future and keeps your garden in healthy condition for all to see and enjoy.

By maintaining your garden correctly on a regular basis, any problems that may have occurred will be rectified before they get out of control and your garden will always be looking great and adding value to your property. It will therefore save you time and money and allow you to do other activities which you may prefer.

## Garden maintenance procedures

Garden maintenance includes the following procedures: pruning, weeding, mulching, fertilising, pest and disease control, irrigation, mowing and lawn care and general clean up. These procedures are required to be carried out in unison in an efficient and effective manner using the correct techniques to obtain the best possible result.

### Pruning

Correct pruning techniques are essential to plant health and ensure plants suffer a minimum of stress, last longer, are healthy and look great.

### Weeding

Weeding is important to the health of your garden because weeds compete for moisture and nutrients thus weakening plants. Weeds dominate other species and take over, make gardens look untidy and harbour pests and diseases .

### Mulching

Mulching is very important to the general health of your garden and is the most important feature to keep healthy plants. It saves water, insulates temperature, improves soil and provides nutrients to name a few benefits

## **Fertilising**

Plants need feeding like any other living thing and require both macro and micro nutrients to achieve maximum growth, strength and health. It should be carried out in a regular program in correct amounts at the right time of the year.

## **Pest and Disease Control**

It is very important for plant health to keep plants free of pests and diseases. This is achieved by planting correctly, fertilising, preparing soil well, position plants properly, and removing weeds. Adopt a sensible and informed approach to using chemical, biological and cultural control methods.

## **Irrigation**

All plants need water to produce growth, but watering needs to be efficient and effective as it is a priceless commodity to our survival. Watering is dependent on soil type, style of garden and weather conditions, and can be reduced by mulching, acclimatising plants, creating wind breaks and using drippers.

## **Lawn Care**

Lawn care is important to create a great looking appearance for your home. Lawns are high maintenance and require mowing, edging, fertilising, aerating and topdressing to keep them in good health. The removal of weeds and pests on a regular basis is also very important.

## **General Clean Up**

General clean up is last but not least in your garden maintenance program. It creates the final product where leaves are raked, paths swept rubbish removed, gutters cleaned, mulch raked over and a general inspection of your property to ensure it is looking great.

An effective garden maintenance program which has your garden looking at its potential best will be economically viable to your property as well as provide a pleasant and aesthetically relaxing garden for you to enjoy.