

Portstone

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Newsletter for July

FRUIT TREES HAVE ARRIVED

We have a great selection for you to choose from. There is a high demand for fruit trees this year and some varieties have sold out already, so hurry in to Portstone to avoid missing out on your favourite.

A lot of trees are grafted onto dwarf rootstock to make them more suitable for the home garden, but if you want them even smaller, then a **Bonsai Bag** is the thing for you. Plant your tree in the bag with **Tui Outdoor Container Mix**, and then plant the bag in the ground. The tree will look like it has been planted, but it can be moved easily anytime, making it ideal if you are renting. The real bonus though, is that the tree will fruit more heavily with normal size fruit. Also, you won't need a ladder to harvest the fruit and its easy to cover the tree with bird netting.

New Seasons Deciduous Trees

We have plenty of varieties to choose from, beautiful Dogwoods, Wintersweet, Wisteria and Robinia Mop Top. Many deciduous trees are fast growing trees offering summer shade and winter sunlight. Their seasonal change adds lots of interest to a garden, the spring flowering, then the new lime green leaves, autumn colour and winter structure. They drop their leaves all in one go making for easy pick up, where as evergreens drop all year round.

July is the optimum time to prune your roses. Use a sharp, clean pair of secateurs, loppers and pruning saw. Wear a pair of **Showa** blue pruning gloves to protect your hands. Spray **Conqueror Oil** on roses and fruit trees after pruning, to seal the cuts from fungus entering. Then spray with copper which will reduce fungal problems when the warm weather comes. Spray copper again just before bud burst.

Spend dreary winter days planning and reading the new seasons **Kings Seed Catalogue** (available now) and order what you want for your spring garden.

Winter is the best time to transplant trees and shrubs. To reduce transplant shock, spray first with **Vapourgard**, an organic product from the Wally Richards range.

STRAWBERRIES are now in store. It is the time to plant these either in beds or pots. Use the new **Tui Strawberry Mix** when planting. This mix provides everything the strawberries will need, you just have to water!

The Flower Garden

Colour up your winter with Polyanthus only **99cents**. Feed these plants with dried blood to keep them flowering.

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