



It might come as a surprise, but Summer gardens are built in Winter. As we move into spring, we'll soon start to notice a change taking place in the garden and before we know it, the hot weather would have arrived and our gardens will show signs of struggle.

There are a number of preventative measures that we can take to prepare for the growing season that will result in healthy presentable gardens.

Spring Clean

After months of little to no sunshine, many plants around Perth will soon emerge from winter dormancy, and this means they will need some extra attention. Perhaps there are a few shrubs that have become overgrown and unruly, or plants that may have seen better days. Clearing out the clutter and tidying up will do wonders for the overall presentation of a property, especially as plants enter the growing season.



Weed Control

There is a higher chance that most lawns will now be overwhelmed with winter weeds. Not only are they unsightly, but left untreated, these weeds have the potential to stunt future growth and general wellbeing. A combination of regular mowing and spraying of selective herbicide will leave your lawn looking weed free and healthy.

Mulch

Now is the time to mulch! We recommend spreading a generous amount of mulch over garden beds, as this will benefit in a number of ways (*provided it is coarse grade with no fines*); it aids in the suppression of winter weeds, helps plants retain a good moisture/air-flow ratio, and it adds nutrients to the ground as it breaks down slowly. Spreading mulch this time of year will definitely lift a property's appearance straight away, while at the same time, have beneficial results.



Fertilise

Spring is the ideal time to feed plants and lawn areas. As plants emerge from dormancy they could be lacking in nutrients so a helping hand with fertiliser goes a long way.

There are three basic building blocks when it comes to fertiliser; Nitrogen (N), Phosphorus (P) and Potassium (K). Fertilisers list the amount of NPK that is in the bag to suite different growth patterns. It is important to fertilise following recommended application rates to avoid over feeding or burning.



Water

Before the heat arrives, make sure your watering systems are fully operational and using the [recommended](#) amount of water on allocated watering days. It is amazing, when the above is all in place, then minimal watering is needed to ensure healthy hydrated plants.



It is vital that we do our best to prepare for summer now while we have this window of opportunity. At External Works, we ensure all these aspects are taken care of along with our regular maintenance schedule.