

Winter garden checklist July to August (South Africa)

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✓ GENERAL WINTER GARDEN CARE

- Lift pots onto bricks/pot feet to avoid waterlogging
- Tip pots on their sides if flooded
- Turn off irrigation system if it's raining enough
- Check soil under dense tree canopies, it may still be dry
- Add mulch to exposed soil
- Move tender plants under cover
- Protect vulnerable plants with fleece or netting

✗ REMOVE

- Weeds (easiest to pull in moist soil – stop them before they seed!)
- Spent flowers, dead leaves, branches
- Fallen leaves smothering plants (unless they're on bare soil)
- Snails (easiest to spot after rain)

+ ADD

- Grass trimmings + dried leaves/twigs to your compost
- Cardboard/straw over compost heap to retain heat
- Compost layer as mulch to protect soil
- Organic fungal & pest treatment (e.g. Biogrow)
- Store wet leaves in bags

PROPAGATE

- Take cuttings
- Use Kelpak/rooting hormone
- Keep under cover in bright light

WHAT TO PRUNE

Deciduous Shrubs & Perennials (Prune back hard):

- Roses
- Hydrangeas
- Plectranthus
- Salvias
- Vines
- Berries

Evergreens:

- Lightly prune for shape (but skip spring bloomers)

WHAT TO PLANT OR GROW

Cool-Season Veg (Seedlings):

- Asparagus
- Beans
- Beetroot
- Carrots
- Leeks
- Peas
- Radish
- Spinach

Grow Indoors:

- Mushrooms
- Microgreens
- Fresh kitchen herbs

PREPARE FOR SPRING (AUGUST)

- Start sowing: herbs, tomatoes, leafy greens, bulbs
- Add compost / Talborne organics
- Divide grasses and perennials
- Refresh containers with potting mix
- Clean & sharpen tools
- Plan your Spring layout