



OCTOBER

→ **NOTES**

TO-DO LIST

- Move tender plants like pelargoniums, brugmansia, fuchsia, phormium and tibouchina back into the greenhouse or a frost-free place for winter.
- Lift dahlias, wash off tubers and store them in a frost-free place for winter.
- Empty flower beds of annuals once they have been exposed to frost.
- Wrap the pseudo-trunk of your hardy banana tree with bubble wrap to preserve it over winter.
- Plant spring-flowering bulbs. Start by bulking up the garden with mostly naturalizing bulbs such as species tulips, snowdrops, crocuses, muscari and scillas before planting basic tulips and narcissi.
- Plant new trees and shrubs and move shrubs to a better location.
- Fill containers with a triple-decker planting of bulbs to create a sequence of blooms in spring. Store out of the rain.
- Plant wallflowers in sunny, sheltered places where they will provide ground cover over winter and flowers in April and May. Gardeners in Victoria do this very well.
- Get your hedges trimmed by a professional to ensure they have a sleek, clipped, sculpted look.
- Harvest the last of the tender vegetables (such as zucchini and squash) before frost. Brussels sprouts, carrots, cabbage and turnips can be left until later.