



### **Maintenance & Planting:**

**Strawberries are hitting their peak, plant late season varieties in Baileys Premium Potting Mix now for a longer lasting harvest.**

**Now that your deciduous fruits have finished flowering, it's time to protect them against that dreaded fruit fly by either spray or cover them with fruit fly exclusion nets to protect your crop.**

**Get those veggie seedlings into the ground, staggering your plantings over a few weeks to ensure a longer harvest. Raised garden beds are great for keeping the four legged gardeners out of the veggie patch. Fill with Baileys Veg & Herb Planting Mix for the best results.**

**Roses will be well into their first flush of the season, feed with Baileys Energy Garden to maintain strong growth and multiple flushes through spring and into summer.**

### **Lawns:**

**The wet weather is starting to ease, wait for a few days of fine weather for the best time to fertilise and avoid washing away all those nutrients. Use Baileys 3.1.1. Lawn Food.**

**If your lawn is looking bare in some spots, spread some Baileys Lawn Reviver to give the soil a boost of organic material.**



## ***Pet Friendly Gardens***

*We get a lot of questions about pet safety in the garden, so here are a few hints and tips for keeping your furry friends happy and your garden green.*

### ***Fertilisers***

*Always water in fertilisers immediately after applying, whether it's on the lawn, in your pots or across the garden beds. If your dog likes to roll on the wet grass, keep them inside for an hour or take them for a walk.*

*Store opened bags in a bucket or a bin with a secure lid to prevent curious pets having a munch. We've all heard stories about the puppy that's developed a taste for blood and bone!*

*Be mindful when spreading fertilisers near ponds as the excess nutrients can encourage algal blooms. Use a granulated fertiliser, such as Energy Turf or 3.1.1. Plus, and spread by hand to reduce the chances of runoff and wind drift.*

### ***Pet Safe Planting***

*There are a number of plants that can be toxic or cause a reaction if eaten or touched by curious canines and fearless felines. The ASPCA maintains a very handy guide on their website. A good rule of thumb for indoors is avoid cut flowers grown from bulbs (dutch iris, tulips, lilliums etc) and lilies. Roses, gerberas, sunflowers and orchids are ok.*

***A thick layer of coarse mulch can discourage digging in freshly planted areas, for the persistent diggers, a piece of chicken wire or mesh under the mulch may also be effective.***

***Why not plant an "enrichment" patch for your four legged gardener. Herbs such as mint, cat mint, cat nip, basil and parsley are great for pets that love to nibble and hardy for those that like to roll and sleep amongst the plants.***

***Pet grass also makes a great addition to outdoor enclosures, keep in pots and rotate between outside and inside to enable the grass to grow back after being "pruned".***







### ***Lawn Reviver***

***If your lawn is looking a bit patchy and in need of more than just a 'pick me up', it's probably lacking in organics in the soil underneath. They play an integral role in holding onto moisture and keeping the beneficial bugs happy, and because it's not so easy to dig up a lawn to replenish the soil underneath, it tends to revert back to sand very quickly. By top dressing with a soil improver containing a wetting agent like Baileys Lawn Reviver, you can bring back the balance of a healthy soil to your lawn. You will notice fresh green growth within days of application.***

