

JOBS FOR MARCH

We are now into Autumn which is my favourite season because it is so much more stable, weather wise, without the extreme heat of summer (hopefully).

Autumn is the second best time for your repotting schedule and is an ideal time for Privets, Olives, Junipers and fruit trees, however if you are repotting Pines, don't be as drastic with root pruning or branch pruning as you would in Spring, as their root system may not recover quickly enough prior to the onset of winter. I must say that I have heard that enthusiasts suffer more losses of Pines at this time than in spring, so unless you are in a desperate hurry, I would leave them till later in the year.

Now is also a good time to consider repotting your Aussie Natives. It is important to remember that the time to replot Natives is during a dormant period prior to one of the many growth spurts that occur during the year.

Your deciduous trees should be left until 'bud swell', just coming into spring.

Continue to 'pinch prune' foliage to maintain shape, however, it is probably a bit late to 'defoliate' or perform major restructuring as there may not be enough time to regain vigour prior to winter.

Liquid fertilizing should be maintained to ensure trees go into winter in a strong condition. I always use 'Bloom Booster' by 'Manutec' as my liquid fertilizer at this time of year as it is high in Potassium and Phosphorous and lower in Nitrogen but **DON'T** use this product on Aussie Natives(Instant Death).

Natives are very Potassium sensitive! but the Potassium seems to reduce the amount of dieback that may occur in Elms during winter.

Privets and Olives will continue to grow with great vigour during this period