



GARDEN  
DIARY  
2026

# JANUARY

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Levin Show
18 Levin Show	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 Whanganui Show

## Dahlias (SHOW TIME)

- Begin bug spray programme
- Start the fertiliser programme
- Disbud show varieties to one bloom per stem
- Tie and check stakes weekly

## Roses

- Summer prune if required
- Deep watering
- Light feeding only

## Chrysanthemums

- LAST PINCH for show blooms (late January)



# FEBRUARY

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Masterton Show
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Hawera & National Show
15	16	17	18 Rongotea Show	19	20	21 Hawkes Bay Show
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Woodville Show

## Dahlias

- Continued shows
- Bug spraying on schedule
- Maintain fertiliser
- Remove spent blooms promptly

## Chrysanthemums

- Disbudding begins
- Leave ONE bud per stem
- Shade blooms in extreme heat



# MARCH

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 CDDC Show
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

## Chrysanthemums (SHOW PEAK)

- Groom blooms carefully
- Keep flowers dry
- Cut early morning for shows

## Dahlias

- Final shows
- Reduce feeding



# APRIL

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

## Chrysanthemums (SHOW PEAK)

- Cut Back

## Daffodils

- Plant at Easter

## Dahlias

- Lift
- Store & Label

## Iris's

- 2x Fertilizer



# MAY

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

## Dahlias

- Garden bed clean-up begins
- Remove old roots and debris
- Start tackling heavy weeds

## Chrysanthemums

- Cut back to 10–15 cm if not already done
- Light mulch

## Roses

- Remove diseased material
- No pruning yet

## Irises

- Healthy foliage left intact
- Weed carefully around rhizomes



# JUNE

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	27			

## Dahlias

- Continue systematic weed removal
- Sheet-mulch or solarise if required
- Beds resting once cleared

## Roses

- Fully dormant
- Plan winter pruning

## Irises

- Check rhizomes are not buried
- Improve drainage if needed

## Chrysanthemums

- Dormant
- Protect crowns from wet and frost



# JULY

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Roses

- Winter prune for airflow and vase shape
- Remove crossing and inward growth
- Copper or lime sulphur spray
- Mulch with compost and manure

## Seedlings

- Start winter seeds and early spring

## Dahlias

- Check stored tubers for rot or shrivel
- Final bed conditioning if needed

## Irises

- Remove dead foliage
- Ensure rhizomes sit on soil surface

## Chrysanthemums

- Still dormant
- No feeding



# AUGUST

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## Roses

- Winter prune for airflow and vase shape
- Remove crossing and inward growth
- Copper or lime sulphur spray
- Mulch with compost and manure

## Dahlias

- Check stored tubers for rot or shrivel
- Final bed conditioning if needed

## Irises

- Remove dead foliage
- Ensure rhizomes sit on soil surface

## Chrysanthemums

- Still dormant
- No feeding



# SEPTEMBER

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Dahlias

- Move stored tubers to warm areas
- Begin dividing tubers
- Pot up divisions
- Protect from frost

## Roses

- Strong leaf growth
- Start fortnightly feeding
- Preventative spray programme

## Irises

- Flower stalks forming
- Keep evenly moist
- Protect from slugs/snails

## Chrysanthemums

- Strong new shoots
- Thin overcrowded growth
- Stake early



# OCTOBER

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## Irises (SHOW PEAK)

- Cut spikes as first bloom opens
- Keep cool, upright, dry
- No feeding during flowering

## Roses

- Buds swelling
- Switch to high-potassium feed
- Disbud side buds for show blooms

## Dahlias

- Continue growing on in pots
- Harden off
- Select strongest shoots

## Chrysanthemums

- Begin pinching programme
- Shape plants early



# NOVEMBER

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30					1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

## Roses (SHOW PEAK)

- Select best blooms
- Groom petals
- Cut early morning for shows

## Dahlias

- Plant out after the rains
- Soil warm and settled
- Add potash at planting
- Install stakes
- Begin pinching at 3-4 leaf sets

## Irises

- Flowering finished
- Cut spent stalks
- Leave foliage intact

## Chrysanthemums

- Continue pinching
- Maintain airflow



# DECEMBER

2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Dahlias

- Continue pinching where needed
- Side shoot management begins
- Monitor early pests
- Light feeding only

## Roses

- Deadhead consistently
- Light feed after shows
- Watch for black spot

## Chrysanthemums

- Final shaping phase
- Heat and mildew vigilance

## Irises

- Growth phase only
- Weed control



# NOTES

2026

