

June is the month when gardens change from spring to summer

RISING temperatures also increase the risk of fire, so important to note that in most areas fires are banned

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JUNE is the month in which gardens, gardening and the use of gardens change from a Spring to Summer mode.

Summer shrubs and lilies are already starting to bloom and vegetables for summer consumption are growing fast.

However, to gain the most from all plants watering now needs to be upped in frequency and extent, but naturally less so in gardens wisely planted with the more drought-resistant plants and with vegetable growing areas in shade for a good part of the day.

That reminds me, several readers have asked me why the Terra-Cottem soil improvement product is so effective in reducing the extent of watering required. Most important are:

1 The hydrogel part of the composition of the product can absorb 50 times its weight of water and 97 to 98 per cent



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of this moisture is extractable by the roots of plants.

2 The root growth stimulators included in the product ingredients stimulate the growth of both main and fine

roots which enables a plant to extract more of the available moisture in the soil, as well as the fertilizing ingredients.

3 The hydrogels not only absorb moisture but they also

have a high water retention which minimises loss of water.

For most gardens rainfalls in May were below historic averages so watering frequencies now need to be increased as not only are temperatures rising but the surface of soils, especially un-mulched soils,

are being heated up for longer periods each day.

These rising temperatures also increase fire risks and please note that in most areas no fires are now allowed until

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October. Charcoal and gas fires are allowed in safe installations and away from trees.

By the way, a few improvements and corrections to some botanical plant names have been made to the book 'How to use less water in your garden', now available from Amazon Books.

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