



# IMPROVING YOUR BLOCK

## Glossary

### Direct seeding

Planting seeds, rather than seedlings or mature plants.

### Mounding

Raising the soil above ground level to improve drainage. Extra topsoil on the mound also gives extra nutrients to seedlings.

### Mulching

Organic material applied to the soil over or around a plant to conserve moisture, protect the roots from frost, reduce the growth of weeds, and enrich the soil.

### Riffles

Shallow areas in streams comprising of beds of rocks or large woody debris.

### Ripping

Disturbing the soil using a tractor or bulldozer; breaks up the subsoil which helps root system become established.

### Scarifying

Using a machine to break up the soil by ripping it up; before planting improves root growth.

### Sedges

Reed-like plants in moist environment.

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## Seasonal Calendar

### Introduction

From planting natives in your backyard to helping look after an entire reserve, you can help the environment. This fact sheet is designed for those who want to help but aren't sure where to begin.

### Timing

Due to weather, certain activities, such as weeding, are best done at a particular time of the year.

### Spring

Season of wildflowers in bloom

### Activities

- Hand weeding
- Weed spraying
- Mulching
- Dieback treatment in sunny weather
- Prepare for seed collection
- Seed collection where ripe
- Join mailing lists detailing funding, training and

support opportunities

- Plant sedges and rushes in and around creeklines (after peak flow so they do not wash away).

### Summer

Season of bushfires.

### Activities

- Order plants from accredited native plant nursery.
- Continue dieback treatment
- Fencing.
- Preparation and planning for coming year.
- Seed collection.
- Funding grant acquittals.
- Good time for conducting: earthworks for erosion control, stock crossing, watering points, riffles and large woody debris as creeklines are dry. Seek Shire approval first.

### Autumn

Season of planning and preparation.

### Activities

- Complete funding applications.
- Ground preparation before the rains, including: ripping, mounding and scarifying.
- Direct seeding.
- Order free plants from Mundaring Tree Canopy and Understorey Program.

### Winter

Season of planting.

### Activities

- Weeding-including follow up on previous years'
- Plant seedlings after first major rainfall-see Planting Guide:www.mundaring.wa.gov.au
- Plant around creeks and wetlands August-September
- If there is permanent water, then plant when flow is slowest
- Attend training on creekline restoration.



## See Other Related Fact Sheets

- All on 'Phytophthora Dieback'
- 'Fauna Friendly Gardening'
- 'Native Plant Nurseries'
- 'Woody Debris Removal'
- 'Friends Groups'

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