

WATERWISE GARDENING TIPS

- Article by the Estate's Senior Horticulturist, Rory Phelan

As the mid-summer heat is in full swing, making our gardens look green and well-cared-for becomes a bit of a challenge. Given that water is a precious resource, and we all want to use it wisely, 'waterwise' in gardening means managing irrigation water carefully.

But what exactly is 'waterwise' gardening? Many people mistakenly think it is just about using succulent plants with gravel and stone features. While these elements are part of waterwise landscaping, there's more to it.

Water-wise hydro zoning involves planting and landscaping strategies. First and most importantly is to understand 1) the water needs of different plants, 2) grouping them in zones within the garden and 3) adjusting irrigation for each zone. By doing this, it will ensure maximum efficiency in water usage, minimising wastage.

Here is a breakdown summarising the different plant groups and their hydro zones:

1. The no-water zone:

- Allocate 10-30% of your garden to this hydro zone.
- Opt for plants from regions with less than 300mm of annual rainfall.
- Use permeable paving whenever possible in this zone.
- Established local indigenous trees, shrubs, and succulent species thrive in this zone.

2. The low water usage zone:

- Designate this hydro zone as the largest, covering 30-80% of your garden.
- Select plants from regions receiving 300-500mm of annual rainfall.
- Include various types of succulents in this zone.

3. The moderate water usage zone:

- Keep this hydro zone relatively small, covering 20-40% of your garden.
- Opt for plants from regions receiving 500-750mm of annual rainfall.
- Once established, these plants require minimal watering, except during extremely hot and dry periods.

4. The high-water usage zone:

- Minimise this hydro zone, covering 10-20% of your garden.
- Choose plants from regions receiving 750mm to 1000mm of annual rainfall.
- Once established, these plants need regular watering throughout the year.

By understanding the water needs of different plants, grouping them into zones within your garden, and adjusting irrigation for each zone, you can ensure that your garden thrives while conserving our water resources.



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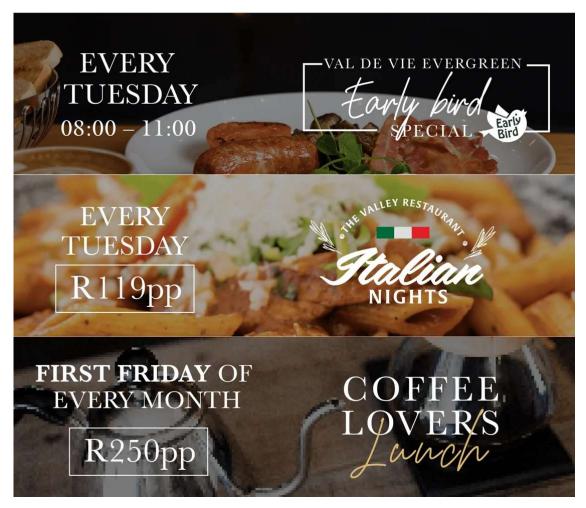
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