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**D8700** Five-litre Pressure Sprayer



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Rid your garden and borders of weeds with ease using this weed puller by Garden Gear. By using the long reach claws the weed puller removes the full weed and roots and aerates your lawn in the process.

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Simply place over the weed, press on the foot plate to push the claws into the ground and tilt up to grab the weed and roots securely.

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**G3967** Weed Puller

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## Q&A



### California dreaming of lush green leaves

Why is my California lilac tree yellowing on the leaves? What can I do about it?

**Celia, via email**  
**DAVID:** The yellow leaves are a sign of nitrogen or iron deficiency in the soil. Adding mulch with organic matter will help to fix this problem and keep your California lilac tree looking healthy. However, it may take some light trimming and a feed with Sulphate of Iron for new growth.



### Roses dead ahead or hang on for hips

Should I keep deadheading my roses or is there no point? **David**

**Mason, Stockport**  
**DAVID:** Yes, regular deadheading will keep the plant producing more flowers so don't stop now. You should do this job all summer and early autumn. The only time you might want to avoid deadheading is for rose cultivars that bear hips in the autumn as these could then be harvested.

## TIP of the week

Mount some wire baskets on your shed wall, which will save you precious shelving space for other things. This will also keep your veggie produce off the floor.

## GET IN TOUCH

For loads more hints and tips on gardening visit [daviddomoney.com](http://daviddomoney.com) or follow me on Facebook at @DavidDomoneyTV or on Twitter @daviddomoney

Treat parched plants to a proper drink with tricks to save money and the planet that keep you awash with blooms

Trying to water plants on hot days can seem like a mammoth task – but there is no need to feel like you are drowning this summer. Here's some watering advice to get plants this vital resource in bucketfuls and help you weather the dry spells.

### LIQUID TO LAST

Ensure that you water the soil to a depth of 20cm by inserting a soil moisture meter.

You can pick these up for under a tenner and they save having to check moisture by digging up earth and disturbing delicate root systems.

Moisture depth is important because it means the water is reaching plant roots. As these aren't exposed to sun, like the top layers of soil are, risk of evaporation is lower so it is far more efficient.

Getting the right amount of water to each of your plants is a balancing act. In general, the darker the leaves the more heat they absorb and more water they need.

For baskets and boxes, there's no need to drown them in water until it is dripping from the bottom.

Little and often is best, so try a

**“Dunk it in a bucket until bubbles stop coming out**

teacup full of water each day to keep small containerised plants content.

### GREY TO GREEN

Mains water should be used sparingly, especially if you are on a meter. At peak times, water companies make up for demand by using groundwater supplies, which is bad for the planet – and prices go up too.

Try giving your garden a drink in the early morning or evening to cut down on water evaporation. You can move pots into the shade too.

If a potted plant has dried out, instead of water pooling on the soil's crusted surface or running straight off, dunk it into a bucket of water until bubbles stop coming out.

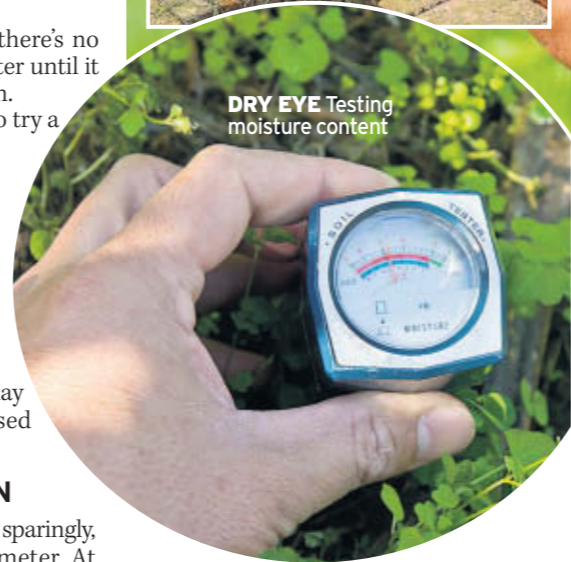
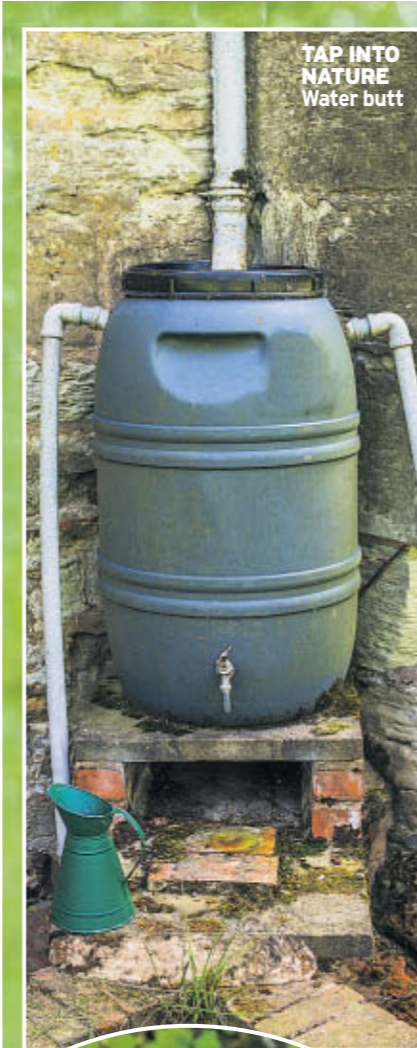
You can repeat and reuse this water for the other plant pots that need it.

### BE SURE TO STORE

Water storing is another facet to gardening that is worth exploring if you haven't already.

A typical water butt holds 200 litres and this will keep one medium-sized container watered over the summer.

If you're installing one, place an old



pair of tights over the end of the downpipe from the roof and it will collect up leaves, acting as a filter – and prices go up too.

For larger gardens, you can install a rainwater-harvesting system, but these can be on the pricey side. This



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## OFFER of the week

Fabulous winter-flowering evergreen shrub Mahonia Media Charity produces stunning green holly-like foliage and an abundance of small light-yellow flowers.

The elongated flowers stand erect up to 30cm long from December to April. It grows to a height of 1.5m. Supplied as a 20-25cm plant in a 9cm pot.

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## GADGET



### Go for this YOYO hose kit at just £28 a throw

Light and compact, YOYO by Fitt hoses extend to where the water is wanted and a bag kit is the ideal buy, with all you need to get started.

There's a multi-spray gun, hose which extends to 10 metres and a tap connector, with a 5-year guarantee.

At £27.90, it's great value too for a product that is so efficient and robust. You can buy direct at the website [yoyo.fitt.com/en/](http://yoyo.fitt.com/en/)

forward planning will benefit plants with a reliable water supply and is kinder to the planet.

Poor drainage can be just as hard on plant growth as underwatering.

And these waterlogged soils don't just cause root damage, they might lead to flooding.

Soil cultivation can help, especially with moisture-heavy clay soils.

You can help prepare soils over

autumn and winter by adding in organic matter to assist in retaining the moisture.

### SHOWER POWER

When giving plants a good dousing, a hose that can give multiple settings is always best. This is because the spread and intensity of cover will need to adapt for each plant and situation.

For instance, delicate or young

plants need a gentle shower, whereas dense foliage or established growth will benefit from a vigorous soaking.

A rubber, rather than plastic, hose such as the YOYO by Fitt (see offer, below, right) gives this level of control and delivers in practicality too – it doesn't kink, it expands for use then shrinks down for compact storage.

With your pots, containers and hanging baskets, you may want to add

water-holding ability with hydration crystals, which expand into gel and hold moisture into the soil.

Add them into the heart of pots and containers with fast-growing plants. Apply sparingly, at the manufacturer's recommended rate.

For fruit and veg, turn to an oscillating sprinkler, which sounds intimidating but refers to a stationary sprinkler with a nozzle that moves to cover a greater surface area.

Fix these up to an automatic timer and they are a simple way to water during busy summer schedules.

This is especially important with crops such as pumpkins, cucumbers or tomatoes.

If they dry out, the skin contracts and then when moisture returns it expands and tears.

These automatic timers will not adapt to unpredictable weather though. For this, automatic irrigation controls are available, with sensors that turn off the water when it is raining or if the soil is too moist.

Follow my helpful hints to keep things afloat during dry spells.

## Kindest friends saving up on a rainy day

We are getting ever more conscious of the environment and how to conserve our natural resources.

And many entries to our Cultivation Street community garden competition, sponsored by Calliope, have taken eco concerns on board too.

Masefield Community Garden is passionate about reusing and recycling. It has a rule against chemicals on site, employs forest gardening techniques and has several compost heaps, including leaf mould.

There is a "grow and share" ethos at



the garden, situated in Northfield, Birmingham, and produce is divided up between volunteers and those living on the Masefield Estate.

And they have all-important water butts on site to collect precious rainfall.

Sally Gopsill, garden supervisor, said: "We have no running water on the site. Several water butts collect rainwater

from the sloping roofs of the sheds and greenhouse – baths and a pond gather it as it falls.

"But in 2018, we ran out and volunteers were bringing in up to 100 litres twice weekly from home in bottles just to keep key plants alive.

"This has made us think carefully about how we can increase and conserve our on-site supplies."

Being involved in community gardening projects can do a world of good. Share with us your journey so far at [cultivationstreet.com](http://cultivationstreet.com)