











# Sabrina's dirty deeds

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- Mid-June is the best time to give all fruit trees a spray with pest oil. Oils should always be used in the cooler months. A thin layer of oil smothers mites and scale that would otherwise become a major problem in ~~s~~pring.
- This is the perfect time of year to rearrange and tidy the shed. Find a spot to hang each gardening tool, and store your seeds in glass jars.

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# August

## Blueberries

I get so excited when I wander around the garden and see little fruiting buds swelling up. I get even more excited when it's blueberries about to pop.

In order to get the longest season and the most berries, you need to get a few different varieties. There are lots to choose from, but make sure you get the bushes that are best suited to your climate.

Basically, blueberries are divided into three categories: Northern Highbush, Southern Highbush and Rabbit-eye. Northern Highbush varieties are known as the high-chill varieties because they require 800 hours of chill. Southern Highbush require only 300 hours. Rabbit-eye, from the south of the USA, require the least amount of chill.

9 / I strongly recommend growing blueberries in pots if you have impoverished alkaline soils, but blueberries can be grown in the ground if you are blessed with good soil that is rich in humus and retains moisture. Blueberries certainly don't like the extreme summer heat, so if you plant them in pots, you can move them into dappled light or afternoon shade as the months warm up.

Camellia potting mix, or even azalea potting mix, are ideal with added compost and manure. Remember to always apply mulch on top of the pots because

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blueberries have a very shallow root system.

Unless you own a puppy who likes to dig, blueberries can live for a long time. Their life span is likely to be especially long in cooler climates. They get heat-stressed in hot, dry summers and consequently have a shorter ~~lifespan~~.

life span/

Apply liquid fertiliser in late winter and again in mid-spring, and renew their potting mix every 3 years.

Flowers are borne at the ends of suckers in their second spring. Prune old suckers back to ground level after 3 or 4 years to encourage new canes.

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## High-chill varieties

### Bluecrop

This variety produces a bush up to 2 metres tall with fat, juicy berries borne in early December.

### Northland

Producing from December to March, Northland is the longest fruiting of the high-chill blueberries.

## Low-chill varieties

### Misty

This semi-evergreen bush has lovely autumn colours and produces juicy berries from November–March.

### Brightwell

Brightwell bears heavy crops in January and February with pretty pink fruit that ripens to blue.

For the Northland variety, you use 'from' and 'to'. Here you use an en dash. Keep consistency.



## Rabbiteye varieties

### Misty Sunshine Blue

#/ This prolific bearer yields masses of small but incredibly  
#/ juicy and flavoursome berries ripening in late summer. #/

### Sharpe

Sharpe/ A great partner to Misty, ~~Sharp~~ seems to fruit on and off for months.

Blueberries are such rewarding little plants. I think every garden should have at least 4 pots of blueberries. Don't forget that the longer you can leave the fruit on the bush, the sweeter the taste!

## A dog-friendly garden

⌋/ ⌋ Being a dog lover, my garden and I have been through a few dogs over the years, and it can be quite a challenge to keep a sweet demeanour when you find half of the garden dug up, trampled or being ingested.

07/ Specialise/ Different breeds of dogs will create different kinds of havoc. Some dogs are only interested in digging dirty big craters while others ~~specialize~~ in chewing through the entire reticulation system including any pop-up sprinklers. There are dogs that just love to destroy any new plant you put in the garden, and older dogs seem to have the capacity to sit on plants and crush them to death. 9/

07/ The best advice I can give is to fence off any part of the garden that is precious or can't take razor-sharp teeth

The subject in this sentence is unclear. Is the garden & dog lover too? Please revise.