



## Home: Garden

- Principles 2, 3 and 6:** Steps leading into the garden or in the garden area need to be in good condition with easy and safe access and support rails if required. Ensure that steps have good visibility from top step to bottom.
- Principle 4:** The boundary fence can be camouflaged with planting and made to blend in with the plants so that it is unobtrusive. This will minimise the feeling of being contained in the garden.
- Principle 1:** Select plants carefully as there are many varieties that are poisonous when in contact with the skin or ingested.
- Principle 5:** Attract wildlife into your garden through features such as bird baths and feeders and by planting flora and fauna which attract butterflies and birds. Such plants include Bottlebrush and Grevillea.
- Principle 3 and 6:** Ensure safe and clear pathways within the garden considering overhanging branches, plants with thorns, moss, mould, uneven or broken pavers or loose gravel. Consider using poured concrete for pathways. This ensures smooth and even paths that don't lift or move like conventional pavers.
- Principle 5 and 7:** Create an opportunity to grow a vegetable or herb garden.
- Principle 5 and 7:** Keep gardening tools handy to encourage meaningful gardening activities including planting, raking and sweeping.
- Principle 7:** An accessible shed enables people to continue pursuing their hobbies and retain skills they may have used for most of their lives. Ensure that activities are catered to the individual. This can promote independence, identity and confidence through meaningful engagement in a safe environment.
- Principle 5:** Consider planting seasonal or all year round flowering plants.
- Principle 8:** Ensure that there are shaded areas to relax and sit comfortably.
- Principle 5:** Water features can add an extra sensory dimension to the garden.