

Sustainability at The Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show

The Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show is held in the Carlton Gardens which is a UNESCO heritage listed site. Improving sustainability in the landscaping industry is always at the forefront of our minds however it takes another level of importance when working on such a historic site.

Building a garden at MIFGS is a challenging environment compared to other shows across the world and also to building a permanent residential garden. To ensure the Carlton Gardens are left in pristine condition the ground cannot be penetrated or dug in to and all show gardens and exhibits are built fully above ground with hessian protection on the grass.

This year at the 2023 Melbourne International Flower and Garden show we have made sure we are leaving our sites how we found them and making moves to a more sustainable future by doing the below!

- All concrete will be 100% recycled after the show ends
- All soil and mulch will be 100% recycled
- Plants are chosen mindfully to allow them to go straight to a clients new garden at the end of the show
- The remainder of plants will be returned to the nurseries
- All timber has been selected to be non-treated so it can be turned in to organic mulch
- Plants debris, damaged turf and timber are going to be turned into mulch to be used for next years show
- Turf will be reused at upcoming projects
- Lights are cleaned and re-used at upcoming projects
- All stone will go back to the supplier
- Steel edging will all be used in upcoming projects

In previous years over 100 x 6m² bins have left after the show from all exhibitors, last year only 6 left!

Check out how Melbourne International Flower and Garden Show in conjunction with Bio Gro are making a conscious effort to move towards a more sustainable event [here](#).