

'Water way to go' as temperature soars



Harvey McLaren with his pink watering can gives plants a good soaking

Dobbies report soaring sales of watering cans, hoses and sprinklers as the temperature rises.

Steve Guy, horticultural expert at Dobbies said: "This time last year, we saw sales of watering products leap by 38 per cent.

"At this time of the year, some of the most common questions we're asked in store are about how to keep grass looking green and healthy and stop plants from wilting.

"When there is a long bout of warm, dry weather it is important to give your garden a little tender loving care and the moisture it needs."

His top tips are to give your lawn a generous watering at least twice a week between the months of May and October.

Hanging baskets, said Steve, require care and attention to stay in bloom and try to water them daily.

Make sure you see the water appear seeping through the bottom of the basket so you can be sure it is reaching the roots.

Finally, invest in a quality sprinkler with a variety of flow options.