

TOP 10 TASKS THIS MONTH



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- Continue to clear fallen leaves from lawns and from beneath plants. Cram the leaves into bags and punch in a few holes. Then just stack the bags behind the shed (or anywhere else that's out of sight) and wait for the leaves to turn into valuable leaf mould. So much better than leaving the leaves to provide shelter for slugs and snails.
- If you haven't already done so, then now is the time to reduce your rose bushes by about a half. This will prevent winter winds from causing damage.
- Plant bare root trees, shrubs and roses. It's important to keep them well watered as this will encourage the roots to spread out and establish.
- Soft fruit bushes will be dormant now, the perfect time for planting.
- At this time of year garden birds really need your help. Please ensure they have a constant supply of both food and fresh water. Feeders will need to be cleaned regularly to prevent the spread of disease.
- It's not too late to plant tulips so fill any empty pots. Come late spring you'll be so pleased with the resulting blooms.
- If it hasn't arrived already then cold weather is on its way. So, check the greenhouse heater is working, insulate outside taps and make sure you have some winter fleece ready. Floating a football or a plastic bottle filled with a few pebbles will stop the garden pond from completely freezing over.
- Order your seed potatoes so you can start chitting in the New Year. Visit the Suttons website to select from our wide range.
- Winter prune apple and pear trees. Remove any dead or damaged branches and create a nice open shape to allow good airflow. This winter pruning will encourage strong regrowth in spring.
- Still on the subject of pruning, wisteria will now be ready for a trim. Cut the wispy summer-grown shoots back to 2 or 3 buds.



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