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IN YOUR WEB BROWSER

1. Continue to clear fallen leaves from lawns and from beneath plants. Cram the leaves into leaf bags (or regular bags and punch in a few holes). Empty compost or feed bags will do as will black bin bags. 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.

2. Reduce your rose bushes by about a half as this will prevent winter winds from causing damage.

3. Plant bare root trees, shrubs, soft fruit and roses. It's important to keep them well watered as this will encourage the roots to spread out and establish.

4. 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.

5. It's not too late to plant tulips. Come late spring you'll be thrilled with the resulting blooms.

6. 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.

7. Order your seed potatoes now, so you can start chitting in the New Year. Visit the Suttons website to select from our wide range.

8. Wisteria will now be ready for its winter trim. Cut the wispy summer-grown shoots back to 2 or 3 buds and this will encourage strong growth and plentiful blooms next year.

9. Now is a good time to rake any gravel paths, remove any weeds and leaves and add a thin layer of fresh gravel. This will give your garden an instant lift.

10. If the weather provides zero motivation to venture out then make a brew and peruse the 2020 Suttons catalogue or website, planning what to grow next year.

