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- ☐ Autumn is bare root season, so now is the perfect time to order your fruit trees. The roots will work away below ground to get established, so by the time spring comes the trees will be ready to burst into growth.
- ☐ The grass will stop growing this month so cut it when you can and look forward to the last cut of the season. Remove any fallen leaves from the lawn and use them to make soil conditioning leaf mould. Place a net over garden ponds.
- ☐ For early flowering next year, now is the time to sow sweet peas. If you haven't already discovered them, then do look at our root trainers. They're perfect for sweet peas and other long-rooted plants.
- ☐ Depending on where you live the first frosts can arrive during October so protect any tender plants. If you don't have space to bring them all undercover then invest in some fleece to wrap them up snug.
- ☐ Your summer hanging baskets, beds and containers will be looking sad by now so re-plant Bellis, Polyanthus and Pansies for some fresh colour.
- ☐ Spring flowering bulbs are still available to buy and to plant so make sure you have enough for a blaze of colour next year. Empty tubs are such a missed opportunity for colour!
- ☐ Don't be tempted to lift your Dahlias until the frost has blackened the stems. Then lift them carefully. Stand the tubers upside down to drain for a few days and then store in a frost-free place. Those of you living in milder areas may not need to lift them.
- ☐ Garlic likes to be planted in October as do some shallots and onion sets. Winter salad leaves can now be sown along with other hardy veg.
- ☐ Harvest pumpkins ready for Halloween plus other squashes and ripen in a sunny spot before storing.
- ☐ Remove spent summer veg from the greenhouse and give it a good clean, including the glass. During autumn and winter, you want maximum light penetration.



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