

Monthly Allotment Planner



JANUARY

- Check any fleece or lagging put over crops still in the ground.
- Mulch beds with a product such as our **COMPOST MULCH, ORNAMENTAL BARK** or **WOODLAND MULCH** to help maintain surface temperature of the beds.
- **PLAN** the planting for coming Spring/Summer seasons, thinking about crop rotation and companion gardening.
- Finish construction of raised beds.
- **PLANT** – Garlic, Rhubarb, Brussel Sprouts, young Apple, Pear and Plum trees and fruit bushes.
- **NOTE** – check quality, PH and temperature of soil before planting different fruit bushes and ensure you cover them initially to stop birds from munching new shoots.

FEBRUARY

- Keep an eye on the weather, lagging any exposed crops against the winter chill. It's always an idea to put plastic down on the ground to help against frost, staking it down.
- If it is a mild winter, think about digging some of our **VEGETABLE COMPOST** into the existing soil, adding essential nutrients ready for the coming Spring.
- **SOW** – Broad Beans, Carrots, Leeks, Onions, Peas, Cabbages.
- **NOTE** – if sowing outside, cover with fleece and/or net.

MARCH

- You should be able to remove fleece and plastic now. Check the soil temperature by digging down to see if you need to wait before planting.
- **SOW** - most Brassicas, Beetroot, Lettuce, Parsnip, Radish, Kale
- **PLANT** – First Early Potatoes from chitting, Strawberries.
- **NOTE** – be sure to cover your Strawberries with a net and sprinkle eggshells or bark around them to stop slugs and snails.

APRIL

- 'Earth up' potatoes by covering up the soil to the top leaves, protecting the shoots from both exposure and munching.
- **SOW** - now is the time to finish sowing anything you have left to put in the ground, along with any other jobs you have left to do ready for the summer.
- **HARVEST** - if you planted Rhubarb, it should be ready to enjoy now.

MAY

- **PLANT** – Second earlies and main crop potatoes.
- **HARVEST** – Carrots.

JUNE

- **HARVEST** – Potatoes, Spinach, Garlic.
- **WATER** - make sure to carry out careful watering in the early morning and late afternoon as it starts to heat up.

JULY & AUGUST

- **HARVEST** – You can start to harvest most crops now – and enjoy what you've grown!

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

- **HARVEST** – Continue to harvest crops.
- **PREPARATION** – As the seasons start to cool down, start to cut back, preparing for next year

NOVEMBER

- **HARVEST** – Brussels, Cabbage, Kale, Suede, Parsnip and the rest of the lettuce
- **PLANT** – Fruit trees can be planted now for next year
- **PREPARATION** – Add **COW**, **MUSHROOM** or **GREEN WASTE COMPOST** to the soil and cover any plants with fleece.

DECEMBER

- **PREPARATION** – Beware of frost and put down fleece over plants still in the ground. Cover empty beds with plastic to prevent frost from reaching any bulbs still in the ground.
- **HELP** – Birds and small animals will need some help with food and water, so leave out a small bowl of water, break through ice if appropriate and leave out bird and small animal food, as they will be helping you when spring comes!