

# Spring Garden Survival Guide



# FEBRUARY



WEEK 1		<p>Complete winter digging of new plots and empty beds when the soil is not too wet or frozen.</p>		<p>Prepare your vegetable beds by sowing some seeds. Be sure to keep them under cover while the weather warms up.</p>		<p>Fork the soil in raised beds so it can aerate ready for growing.</p>	
WEEK 2		<p>Start planning your summer garden by looking through seed catalogues to get some ideas.</p>		<p>Protect any fruit crops by placing netting over them. This will help keep the birds and squirrels away from them.</p>		<p>If your lawn is frosty or frozen, try your best to keep off it so you don't compact the soil too much.</p>	
WEEK 3		<p>Prune your hardy evergreen hedges so they can flourish again in the spring.</p>		<p>Trim back deciduous hedges now before the birds make their nests for spring.</p>		<p>Check over all of your garden tools to make sure they don't need replacing or repairing.</p>	
WEEK 4		<p>Clean your greenhouse ready for the start of the new growing season.</p>		<p>Start chitting potatoes ready for the new growing season.</p>		<p>Get birds back into your garden by hanging fat balls or bird feeders.</p>	