

Summer Garden Survival Guide

Britain In Bloom

MAY



WEEK 1		<p>Be on the lookout for any late frosts. These can be extremely damaging to newly flourishing plants.</p>		<p>Check your garden for any overcrowded clumps of spring-blooming flowers. Lift and divide them to give an even coverage come summer.</p>		<p>Moss and weeds will likely be in full flow now, so be diligent in getting rid of as much of it as possible in the early stages.</p>	
WEEK 2		<p>Baby vegetables can be sown and grown in containers or growbags this month. If the ground is warm and dry, then they can be sown into vegetable patches as well.</p>		<p>With the weather getting a bit warmer the greenhouse can be a bit tricky for young plants. Help them out by opening the vents on warm days.</p>		<p>This is a good month to repair your lawn if you haven't done so already. Check for any brown patches and re-seed for a full lawn this summer.</p>	
WEEK 3		<p>If you didn't get a chance earlier in the year, be sure to take a look over your sheds and other garden buildings for signs of winter damage. If spotted make sure you fix it as soon as possible.</p>		<p>Take some time this month to look at improving irrigation systems this summer. Water butts and containers are a great way to recycle rain water!</p>		<p>If you're growing strawberries this year, lay some straw between plants to discourage mould for a good crop.</p>	
WEEK 4		<p>Some pests might start making an appearance around now, particularly slugs, snails and beetles. Be on the lookout for any signs of pest-damage to new and older plants.</p>		<p>Make use of your compost pile and start fertilising the soil! Keep adding to it throughout the month to make sure you've got a constant supply.</p>		<p>If you're desperate to get some life around your garden, hanging baskets can be put up now in sheltered areas. Make sure they aren't too exposed to the elements to keep them safe!</p>	