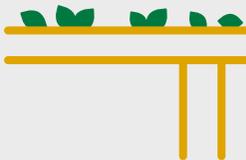


Winter Garden Survival Guide



NOVEMBER

WEEK 1	<p>Rake up any dead leaves, grass, moss and rubbish that has gathered over the last few months.</p>	<p>Finish planting all your spring bulbs - now is a good time, especially for planting tulip bulbs.</p>	<p>Ensure your shed is waterproofed, windows are sealed and that any wood is treated.</p>		<p>Plant any hedging and any other bare-rooted plants and carry out formative pruning for any new hedges that are up to 2 years old.</p>	<p>As plants die off and trees lose their leaves, this is the perfect time to check your fence for damage and make any necessary repairs.</p>	
WEEK 2	<p>Stack your logs so that each pile is no more than a metre tall and stacked in a way that allows for plenty of circulation with gaps between the logs.</p>		<p>Birds become more dependant on your food in the winter so clean out any bird feeders and make sure there is plenty of water available.</p>	<p>Plant new herbaceous perennials while the soil is moist but still warm, as well as winter pansies, wallflowers and primroses for colour.</p>		<p>Make sure your fences are sealed or stained before winter sets in to prevent any damage from moisture and dropping temperatures.</p>	
WEEK 3	<p>Spread fallen leaves over flower beds to create a foraging environment for thrushes and blackbirds, and coverage for frogs.</p>	<p>If you live in an area where the soil freezes, lift and store your Dahlias, Cannas and Begonias - check the tubers regularly and sprinkle with a little water to keep them moist.</p>	<p>Brush down trellis panels and clear dead leaves and debris from drainage points at the bottom of the trellis.</p>		<p>Cut back any overhanging trees or hedges so they don't come in contact with your shed and damage it.</p>	<p>Any mowing should leave the grass at around 4cm to help it survive over the winter.</p>	
WEEK 4	<p>Check gutters on sheds and greenhouses for debris and fallen leaves that maybe causing blockages.</p>		<p>Prune deciduous trees, shrubs and hedges while the branches have no leaves, and remove weeds from around the bottom of trees.</p>	<p>Before putting tools back in the shed, make sure they are cleaned and oiled. Now is also a good time to send your lawnmower away for maintenance.</p>	<p>Clear any debris, rubbish and dead leaves from around the bottom of your fence to prevent damage from moisture.</p>	<p>Make sure ponds and bird baths are clean and haven't frozen over - put a couple of clay tiles in the pond to provide cover for frogs and other aquatic life.</p>	