

INFORMATION

Jobs for January . . .

After the Christmas rush of fibre optics, trees & tinsel has disappeared over the horizon, the garden centre can get back to thinking about only gardening. As the cold and short days are upon us, we should make plans for the seasons ahead and catch up on reading, surfing gardening information and wrapping up warm to tackle a few essential jobs now!

GREENHOUSE

- * Buy new compost for seed sowing.
- * Sow seeds directly into modules to save time and space.
- * Thoroughly disinfect the greenhouse with Armillatox or Jeyes Fluid before use.

SHRUBS

- * Prune Wisteria side shoots to encourage flowering.
- * Winter Flowering shrubs all looking good now. Visit the centre to choose some now - you can leave the planting till the weather conditions improve.



Holly

LAWNS

- * Service the lawnmower ready for Spring.
- * Keep Off when frosty.

FRUIT

- * Prune soft fruit removing old stems.
- * Spray with Mortegg Winter Wash.
- * Plant new fruit bushes when ground is not frozen.

VEGETABLES

- * Seed Potatoes and Onion Sets will be arriving in the centre soon.
- * Dig over plots roughly and allow the frost to break down the "big lumps".

GENERAL TASKS

- * Apply Mosskiller like Algon to hard surfaces to prevent slippery paths.
- * See December's monthly guide for a list of beautiful flowering plants looking good in January.



Erica - Heathers

FLOWERS

- * Plan which flower seeds you are going to grow in the borders or baskets.
- * Baby plants for growing on should be purchased from next month, as buying them too early can mean they may grow too leggy and never reach outdoors.
- * Fill in any gaps in planted containers with Winter Pansies.
- * Check watering of tubs and baskets.
- * Check stored bulbs and replace rotting ones.



**Acer Griseum
Paper Bark Maple**