

INFORMATION

Jobs for October . . .

October brings a brilliant blast of Autumn colour to your garden, a time to wander and wonder of projects and ideas for next year. As well as the planning, there are still jobs to be done...

GREENHOUSE

- * Sow Winter Lettuce. Bring in tender perennials like Fuchsias and Pelargoniums.
- * Clean greenhouse and coldframe glass as well as pots and trays.
- * Ventilate often to keep fungus and disease at bay.

BULBS

- * Plant all sorts of Spring flowering bulbs now like Daffodils, Hyacinths, Crocus, Tulips, both in the borders and in containers along with Winter & Spring bedding plants.



Ornamental Cabbage

PONDS

- * Carry on regularly cleaning pond filters.
- * Maintain feeding fish when they are still active.
- * Catch falling leaves with netting above the pond and remove any leaves and debris that may fall into the pool.

HEDGES & LAWNS

- * Plant hedging - both deciduous and evergreen, now.
- * Sow or turf new lawns.
- * Scarify, spike and Winter feed now for a better lawn next Spring.

CONTAINERS

- * Clear Summer bedding and plant with bulbs and Winter bedding.

FRUIT

- * Apply greasbands to trap Winter moth grubs.
- * Harvest main-crop Apples and Pears.
- * Prune Raspberries and Blackberries, leaving new canes ready for next year.

TREES, SHRUBS & FLOWERS

- * Plant Rose bushes - new stocks arrive this month.
- * Clear faded Summer bedding in borders and replace with Winter bedding e.g. Pansies, Wallflowers and Winter Cabbage.
- * Ideal time now to plant and transplant trees and shrubs.
- * Look out for fantastic Autumn coloured shrubs to brighten up your borders.
- * Lift Gladioli and Dahlias, dust with sulphur and overwinter, frost free.



Parthenocissus spp.

GENERAL

- * Lift tender Perennials to overwinter in the greenhouse e.g. Geraniums (Pelargoniums) and Fuchsias.
- * Hygiene is a priority in the garden - avoid piles of rubbish & debris where pests like Vineweevil can harbour over Winter.
- * Clean paths, tools, pots, sheds and greenhouses for safety, hygiene and general care.

LOOKING GOOD THIS MONTH

- * Virginia Creepers - *Parthenocissus spp.*
- * Japanese Anemones - *Anemone Japonica*
- * Cyclamen - *Outdoor varieties*
- * Mountain Ash - *Sorbus varieties*
- * Pyracantha
- * Rhus Typhinia
- * Euonymus alatus
- * Acer - Japanese varieties
- * Fothergilla monticola