



May Garden Tasks

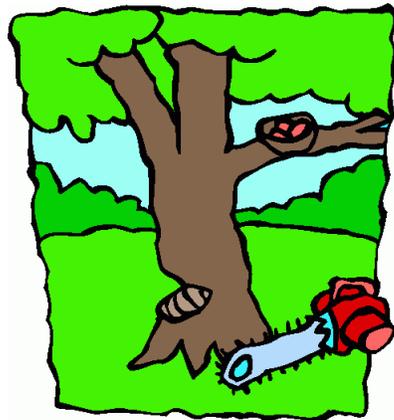


Sowing & Planting

- Sow French beans, runner beans, courgettes, and sweetcorn outdoors after frost.
- Direct sow hardy annuals like sunflowers and nasturtiums.
- Plant out dahlias, cannas, and tender bedding plants after hardening off.

Pruning & Cutting Back

- Prune spring-flowering shrubs such as forsythia and ribes.
- Trim evergreen hedges as growth begins.
- Deadhead tulips and daffodils, but leave foliage to die back naturally.





Harvesting

- Harvest asparagus regularly while spears are young.
- Pick rhubarb by pulling, not cutting, stalks.
- Cut early lettuce, radishes, and spinach.

Watering & Feeding

- Water newly planted trees, shrubs, and bedding regularly.
- Feed roses and perennials with a balanced fertiliser.
- Mulch borders to retain soil moisture.



Greenhouse

- Move tender plants outdoors once frost danger has passed.
- Shade greenhouses to prevent overheating.
- Pot up tomato plants into their final containers.



Houseplants

- Increase watering as growth accelerates.
- Feed flowering houseplants weekly.
- Move tender houseplants outdoors to sheltered spots after frost risk passes.



Lawn Care

- Mow lawns weekly, lowering the height gradually.
- Apply weed and feed products if necessary.
- Edge lawns to keep them neat.

General Maintenance

- Install plant supports for tall perennials and climbers.
- Weed regularly to prevent seeding.
- Check water features and clean pumps if needed.





Wildlife & Ponds

- Thin out fast-growing pond plants.
- Provide fresh water for birds daily.
- Leave some nettle patches for butterflies and wildlife.

Paths, Fences & Tools

- Clean and repair decking before frequent use.
- Check ties and stakes on young trees.
- Sharpen mower blades for efficient cutting.



Planning & Admin

- Keep a diary of sowings and plantings.
- Plan succession sowings for vegetables.
- Visit plant sales and local gardens for inspiration.

Leisure (And Finally...)

- Enjoy lilacs, peonies, and alliums in bloom.
- Take time to sit outdoors and enjoy longer evenings.
- Host a garden gathering to share your work.

