



Grasmere
Garden
Village



GRASMERE GARDENS GAZETTE

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JOBS TO BE DOING IN YOUR GARDEN THIS MONTH....

- Plant spring-flowering bulbs such as tulips, daffodils and alliums. Also plant miniature daffodils and hyacinths in pots to flower indoors.
- Plant summer-flowering Lilies with lots of grit in the soil so they don't rot.
- Now is a good time to take a close look at any background plants in your garden. Any hedges, Laurels, Ivy, Rhododendron or hollies that may have grown to cover more space than originally planned, cut them back to a neat and tidy place.
- Shorten any long shoots on rose bushes, to prevent any strong winds rocking them and damaging the root system.
- If the ground is dry enough, give your lawn a final cut. After mowing give your mower a thorough clean down and store in a dry area.
- Rake fallen leaves carefully from beneath roses and any other shrubs that may have suffered from mildew, blackspot or other fungal diseases. Burn these leaves to destroy overwintering fungal spores.
- Lift dahlias as soon as the foliage has been blackened by frost. Clean up the tubers and store them, in a dry frost free place.
- A good mulch of manure or well-rotted compost around the base of climbers will help to stimulate strong new growths for next year.
- Prune or clip any remaining deciduous hedges such as hawthorn, blackthorn or beech. Holly hedges can be cut now too.
- Cut down on the watering and feeding of conservatory plants now that the light levels and outside temperatures are lower.

HOW TO GROW GARLIC

It is best to buy garlic that is specifically for planting, those sold in supermarkets are for eating and aren't successful when planted.

- Prepare the ground by digging it and turning it over with plenty of organic matter.
- Push each individual clove of garlic in so that only the very tip shows above the ground. Plant in a straight line about a hoes width for easy weeding.
- In no time you'll see grassy green shoots growing, which sit through the winter and get the plants off to a flying start in the spring. You'll be pulling 'wet' garlic in June, and by the end of July it will be ready to lift and dry for storing.

Types of Garlic we have in stock: 1x Early Purple Wight Garlic, to be consumed green - £2.99. 1x Lautrec Wight Garlic, creamy smooth flavour, purple cloves - £2.99. 1x Carcassonne Wight Garlic, strong and vigorous with pink cloves - £2.99

The Garlic Disciples Favourite... Rumour has it that Violet or 'Rose' garlic, which has pinky-purple outer skin, has a much finer flavour than the usual white kind, although they are all the same colour inside.

STAR PLANTS

VIBURNUM TINUS 'EVEPRICE' & 'GWENLLIAN'

Evergreen, compact, bushy shrubs with dark green leaves. Both have pink flower buds followed by white flowers and fruit freely.



CALLICARPA BODINIERI GIRALDII 'PROFUSION'

Bushy, upright, deciduous shrub with bronze young leaves followed by dark green leaves. In midsummer it produces small pink flowers, followed by violet fruit in autumn.



PYRACANTHA 'SAPHYR ORANGE'

Pyracantha are evergreen, erect shrubs; they are often grown up walls or fences. They are quite often grown in hedges especially for their berries in autumn. This variety bears orange berries but they also come with red or yellow berries.



PLANT OF THE MONTH



MAHONIA MEDIA 'CHARITY' & 'WINTER SUN'

Upright, statuesque shrubs with large swirls of glossy deep green leaves. Then bright yellow scented flowers are also in swirls of long spreading racemes lasting from late autumn to late winter.

DEALS OF THE MONTH!

Buy 3 packs of 'Red Barn' bird food get the cheapest free!

Logs £5.75 kindling £5.50 Buy 3 get the cheapest Free!

One Litre shrubs 2 for £10 or £5.99 each.