



February #15greenmins checklist

In the flower garden

- Weed herbaceous borders and remove soggy leaves/stems
- Prune hardy trees and evergreen hedges
- Cut back summer-flowering shrubs (e.g. *Hydrangea paniculata*), climbers (e.g. late-flowering *Clematis*), rose bushes and *Wisteria* before spring growth
- Tidy ragged bedding plants (e.g. pansies, violas) and winter pot displays
- Plant bare-root roses and new hedges; fill in hedge gaps with bare-root plants
- Check stakes and plant ties on climbers etc.
- Take root cuttings of perennial plants (e.g. Oriental poppy; Japanese anemone)
- Sow annuals and tender perennials indoors or in a greenhouse (check seed packets for sowing times)

In the vegetable garden

- Start to clear winter crops and prepare vegetable beds for spring sowings
- Sow veg seeds indoors (e.g. tomatoes) – check seed packets for sowing times
- Buy/chit seed potatoes
- Plant shallot sets

In the fruit garden

- Prune apple, crab apple and pear trees, and grape vines
- Cut autumn-fruiting raspberry canes to ground level
- Plant new bare-root fruit trees and bushes

Other jobs

- Keep an eye on the weather forecast and protect plants from frost and snow
- Clean/tidy pots, organise shed; bin out-of-date seed packets, order new ones
- Ventilate greenhouses and cold frames on warm/dry days
- Remove debris from ponds
- Tidy lawns before vigorous Spring growing starts
- Clear snow from paths/evergreen branches
- Provide birds with food and fresh water daily