



February #15greenmins checklist

In the flower garden

- ☐ Weed herbaceous borders and remove soggy leaves/stems
- ☐ Prune hardy trees, evergreen hedges, and roses
- ☐ Tidy ragged bedding plants (e.g. pansies, violas) and winter pot displays
- ☐ Cut old leaves off Hellebores
- ☐ 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)
- ☐ Indoor sowings – check seed packets for sowing times

In the vegetable garden

- ☐ Start to clear winter crops and prepare vegetable beds for spring sowings
- ☐ Indoor sowings – check seed packets for timings
- ☐ Buy and chit seed potatoes

In the fruit garden

- ☐ Prune apple, crab apple and pear trees, and grape vines
- ☐ Prune soft fruit bushes (blueberry, gooseberry, currant)
- ☐ Cut autumn-fruiting raspberry canes to ground level
- ☐ Split rhubarb crowns – force some crowns by covering
- ☐ 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- ☐ Clean/tidy pots, organise shed; bin out-of-date seed packets, order new ones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