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GARDENING TIPS

Gardening tips for November

WOW what a difference a week makes, the change in time really has catapulted us into winter with a sudden change in temperature and plenty of rainfall. While chilly winter evenings are a great excuse to light a fire and relax, the daylight hours are also a great time to get out and about. It is vitally important for our mental and physical health to get outside in the winter months, get the blood flowing and get some vitamin D into us. Just rug up and get out there, being mindful of the wet leaves which seem to be all over the footpaths now.

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Trees**

**Plant green manure
seeds and Garlic
Bulbs**

**Bird feeding through
winter**

**Plant Tulip, Crocus
and Snowdrop bulbs**

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1. Prune Apple and pear trees

Between November and end of Feb, when trees are dormant, and the leaves are gone is the best time to prune apple and pear trees. The objective is to remove dead & diseased branches, as well as about a third of the previous year's growth from the main branches. This all helps to get light into the tree and encourage new growth. Pruning should be done evenly around the tree only targeting about 15% of the tree to be removed in a year.

2. Plant Green manure seeds and garlic bulbs

Right now, when vegetable plots are practically bare, planting green manure seeds in your vegetable bed is a quick and cost-effective way to improve soil fertility, and prevent weeds overtaking the plot. Harvest the green manure by digging it into the soil in the spring before you plant a fresh crop of vegetables. November is also a good time to grow Garlic bulbs, these can be sown before Christmas if there is no frost, for harvesting next summer.

3. Don't forget to feed the birds this Winter

Natural availability of food supplies for birds are limited at this time of year but birds need a regular supply of high calorie food to maintain energy levels and survive through the winter. Placing a bird feeder in your garden and keeping it topped up with high quality seed mix as well as fruit, cooked rice and peanuts is a great way to encourage a variety of birds into your garden through the

Flower of the month for November is the Chrysanthemum.

Common Colours – Yellow pink, red, white.

Derived from the Greek words chrysos meaning Gold and anthemion meaning flowers

Symbolises , Youth optimism and Joy.

Chinese believe it prevents grey hair.

Is the official flower of Chicago city.

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