



SEPT GARDENING TIPS

Gardening tips for September

While the fabulous summer is coming to an end and the nights are closing in, it is still a great time to give the garden a good tidy up, get maintenance jobs done and to keep the garden looking good. September is a key month to get jobs done in the garden. It is also a great time to start sowing seeds & Bulbs in your garden beds for a of burst of colour come spring.

**Remove dead flowers
from herbaceous
perennials**

**Plant evergreen and
semi evergreen
hedges**

**Reseed or Sow a new
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**Plant seeds & Spring
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Trim Hedges

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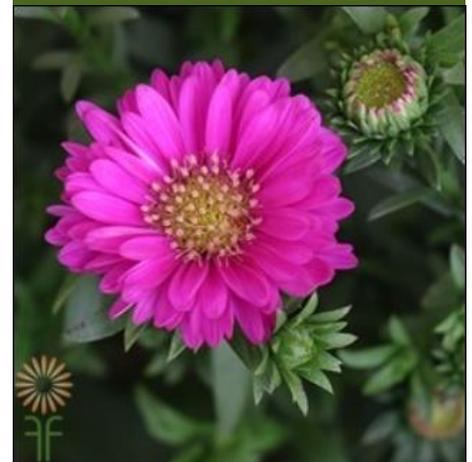
- 1. Cut back and remove dead flowers from herbaceous perennials and late flowering annuals.** Cutting away old flowers by hand or with a shears helps to tidy up plants, prevents them becoming straggly and helps the plant conserve energy. Annuals should be deadheaded on a regular basis to encourage them to flower again. Herbaceous perennials should be cut back from autumn onwards.
- 2. Plant evergreen & semi evergreen hedges.** September or early autumn is an ideal time to plant hedge plants such as Box (*buxus sempervirens*, Privet (*Ligustrum ovalifolium*) or yew (*Taxus bacatta*). Not only are they easy to grow, relatively inexpensive and good for wildlife, they also add great shape and structure to your garden design.
- 3. Reseed or Sow a new lawn** Using grass seed is an inexpensive way to create a great lawn. Up to the end of September is still one of the best times to sow grass seeds, as the soil is still warm enough for seed germination and weeds are less plentiful.
- 4. Plant flower seeds & Spring bulbs** If you want a burst of colour in your garden in early spring, now is the time to start planting seeds and spring bulbs. Flower Seeds such as Calendula, Chrysanthemum and Cornflower can all be planted now. Plant Daffodil, Tulip, snowdrops and Hyacinth bulbs too. If you have a nice sunny garden and would like to start a wildflower patch or meadow, why not sow an Irish wildflower seed mix in September.
- 5. Trim hedges** To keep hedges looking in tip top shape, it is a good idea to get the clippers out about twice a year. For hedges such as box, privet, Hawthorn, Yew and holly, these are best trimmed in June and September.

**Flower of the month
for September is the
Aster.**

**Common Colours –
pink, red, lilac,
mauve.**

**Derived from the
Greek word for star**

**Symbolises , Love
faith, wisdom and
colour.**



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