

Reminders and tips for October

- Rake up fallen leaves and pile them up to make leaf-mould
- Continue clearing up the garden and burn or bin debris that shows signs of disease
- Dig over empty areas of soil
- Finish planting evergreen shrubs
- Take hardwood cuttings from shrubs and fruit bushes
- Collect berries from trees and shrubs for seed sowing
- Give conifer hedges a last trim if necessary
- Plant new climbers and perennials
- Divide overgrown perennials
- Protect alpines from winter wet
- Lift and store dahlias, gladioli and summer flowering bulbs
- Plant lily and tulip bulbs
- Tidy ponds and remove pumps for the winter
- Make new lawns from turf
- Cut down the dying tops of perennials
- Lift and divide rhubarb
- Fix grease bands to apple and pear trees trunks to catch pests that crawl up them
- Insulate the greenhouse and check that your heater is in good working order
- Sow grass seed
- Finish planting spring bedding
- Harvest apples and pears before they are damaged
- Lift and store tender perennials
- Lift potatoes and carrots and store them