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## September hails Autumn and brings in all your spring harvest, but what are the next steps for you?

Jobs round the garden are now, about preparing for the Winter months.

This is now the time to start thinking of what you want in your garden next spring. Here are our 5 top tips:

 The first step is to clean the growing patch in your garden. Remove any dead plants, weeds and ensure the soil is clean of debris. If you are planting indoors or on a balcony ensure you have correct drainage in pots, easy access for watering. Assess your space and make a map of areas that get the most sunlight to the least sunlight.



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- September is the ideal time to plant evergreen trees and shrubs. The warm soil will help them get established.
  Water well after planting and should the weather remain dry, water once a week.
- There are quite a few varieties of autumn and winter vegetables you can plant now to harvest during the colder months – these include winter and spring cabbage, purple sprouting broccoli, little gem lettuce, chicory and Chinese cabbage. You can always go down to your local garden centre and ask for tips and advice.
- Now is an ideal time to start a compost heap in your garden join our growing webinars to find out how to start and tips and tricks.
- Want to add flowers? Look out for Perennial plants, these are hardy flowers that grow well in autumn. It is also the time to buy springflowering bulbs. Choose firm, plump bulbs and avoid any with signs of mould. Plant them as soon as possible so they can start growing roots.



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