

What to do in December.

- 1) Tend to your Brassicas. Earth up tall varieties like Brussel Sprouts to prevent them being blown over in the wind. Pick off any yellowing leaves as these can encourage diseases. Remove promptly any old plants you are finished with to prevent them from harbouring pests over winter.
- 2) Prune Blackcurrants. Remove a third of the oldest wood from each bush at ground level.
- 3) Continue to sow and harvest winter salad leaves if you have a Greenhouse to grow them inside.
- 4) Continue to weed and tidy up your plot if still uncompleted.
- 5) Dig in compost and manure if the weather is suitable for digging.
- 6) Dig leaf mould into next season's Onion beds.
- 7) Lime your soil if required. The ideal average pH value for a general vegetable bed is 6.5. Test kits may be purchased from Garden Centres etc. NB. **Do not** lime and manure the same piece of soil in the same season.
- 8) Plan next year's rotation and planting scheme.