

What to do now in September.

- 1) Cover the tender Summer crops with horticultural fleece now to help maintain a higher temperature around them as the season begins to cool down. This will keep them growing for longer: eg. outdoor Tomatoes, courgettes, salad crops etc.
- 2) If you grow your over-wintering Onions from seed then sow them early this month, ready to plant out next month. If you plant sets then you can leave it until next month.
- 3) As you clear your vegetable beds sow crops of Winter green manure in their place. This will help protect the soil from the Winter weather and improve it when you dig in the crop in the Spring. Seeds are readily available in garden centres. One good winter green manure is Hungarian grazing rye. It is available from Kings seeds. A crop of Broad beans sown thickly as a green manure is another idea. It can also be dug into the soil in the Spring.
- 4) Cut out the old canes of your Blackberries and Raspberries once they have finished fruiting. *Do not* cut out this year's new canes as they will bear next year's fruit. Autumn fruiting Raspberries can all be cut down to 3 inches from the ground when they have finished fruiting.
- 5) Plant out your Spring cabbage plants. Cover them with horticultural fleece to help protect them from pests.
- 6) Sow your winter saladings in a greenhouse or under frames.
- 7) Did up the rest of your maincrop Potatoes to avoid any further slug damage whilst they are in the ground.