## **Garden Maintenance & Plant Care**

January	Check stored bulbs and tubers for rot	Notes:
January	Prune roses, fruit trees, and dormant shrubs	Notes.
	Clean greenhouses and pots ready for spring	
	Protect delicate plants from frost	
	Feed the birds, they'll repay you later in pests eaten	
February	Start early seeds indoors (tomatoes, peppers, herbs)	Notes:
	Trim winter shrubs and tidy borders	
	Apply mulch to insulate soil and suppress weeds	
	Plan flower and veg rotations for the year	
	Clear away dead stems and leaves	
March	Begin spring planting of hardy annuals	Notes:
	Feed flower beds with slow-release fertiliser	
	Divide overcrowded perennials	
	Weed before growth gets ahead of you	
	Repair and paint garden furniture or fences	
April	Plant bedding plants, herbs, and vegetable seedlings	Notes:
	Start regular weeding and mulching	
	Feed roses and fruit bushes	
	Deadhead early blooms to encourage new ones	
	Set up water butts for rain collection	
May	Prune spring-flowering shrubs once blooms fade	Notes:
	Sow fast-growing vegetables outdoors (lettuce, carrots)	
	Water early mornings or evenings to reduce evaporation	
	Watch for aphids and slugs, they love May!	
	Stake tall flowers before they flop	
June	Deadhead flowers to extend blooms	Notes:
	Harvest early crops (lettuce, herbs, strawberries)	
	Water deeply during dry weeks	
	Feed containers and hanging baskets weekly	
	Trim fast-growing hedges and bushes	
July	Keep deadheading and harvesting	Notes:
	Prune wisteria and climbing plants	
	Feed fruiting plants and flowers regularly	
	Collect seeds from finished annuals	
	Water pots daily in heatwaves	
August	Cut back herbs to promote fresh growth	Notes:
	Prepare garden for autumn planting	
	Harvest vegetables and fruit, enjoy the rewards	
	Water early mornings if dry	
	Feed tired containers for one last flush of colour	
September	Plant spring bulbs (daffodils, tulips, crocus)	Notes:
	Prune shrubs and tidy borders	
	Divide perennials and replant	
	Collect and store seeds for next year	
	Compost garden waste for future soil health	
October	Add compost or manure to garden beds	Notes:
	Plant bare-root roses and shrubs	
	Rake fallen leaves and use them as mulch	
	Clean and oil garden tools before winter	
November	Mulch perennials and protect from frost	Notes:
	Rake leaves from lawns and borders	
	Check fences, sheds, and paths for winter damage	
	Prune climbing roses before the frosts bite	
December	Tidy greenhouse and garden shed	Notes:
	Plan next year's layout and order seeds	
	Clean tools and sharpen blades	
	Enjoy a quiet month, nature's taking a breather	