

SPRING GARDENING Made Easy



Get to work in spring summer enjoying your

It may be hard to believe following the cold snap over Easter, but spring — if not exactly in the air — is certainly around the corner.

The sounds of the season include the first cuckoo of spring, the smell of newly-mown grass and the familiar clunk of leather upon willow.

And rest assured that gardeners from Llandovery down to Ystradgynlais will be scouring the garden shed for their wellies, dusting down their overalls and getting ready to sow the seeds for what let us hope will be a sizzling summer.

Any gardener worth his salt will tell you that this time of year is crucial to how your garden

will turn out further on down the line.

Extensive works such as establishing a pond, erecting decking or laying a patio should also be carried out during springtime.

So whether you own a massive rolling estate with thick woodland, orchards plus a private lake stocked with fat goldfish or a modest piece of turf barely the size of a handkerchief, here is the *Guardian's* guide on how to make the most of your garden:

1) Be prudent with your pruning

Now is the time to get to roll up your sleeves and get to work on those established roses while the tail-end of the season should see budding Alan Titchmarshes or Charlie Dimmocks focusing their attention on early-flowering shrubs that have already begun to lose their blossoms.



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