What to do in your garden

November can be a busy a month, just like October, if the weather is good. Make sure the garden continues to look good. Weeds will still be popping up – using a tool of your choice during a garden inspection is always useful. I use a small hand fork on a pole (purchased from a garden centre) to just lift it out of the soil; you don't even need to take the weed out of the border as it will die down and feed the soil.

Leaves will start dropping like crazy, and there's still so much more to come. Clear them away from the borders, particularly around the base of shrubs, they can be habitats for bad bugs as well as good. Look at last months 'What to do in your garden' for ideas.

You can also hide the leaves behind a shed (don't allow them to touch the shed, otherwise the permanent damp will rot the wood, or at the back of the garden, worm eggs are already on the leaves so can be placed on concrete or soil. Disturb or flip if in bags every so often helps the leaves to mix and rot down quicker. A bug habitat can be really good for your garden; any size is better than nothing and they don't need to be seen or pretty.

Roses and Buddleias should be reduced in half to prevent wind rock damage. Bulbs. Bulbs. Bulbs. Look at past pictures, can you see where are the gaps are? Can more Alliums go in? Maybe go for the White variety? Allium 'Multibulbosum'? 60cm tall and will flower from May. Put three or more in a hole – just make sure the bulbs aren't touching. Plant all bulbs three times their height. The smaller bulbs, low growing Spring flowers, Anemone-blande, Snowdrops – Galanthus, (these can also be planted in the Spring when they are still 'in the green') are great under deciduous trees/shrubs, around the base or around large rocks/stones. They will get lots of winter sun and cool summer shade. They won't be disturbed too much either. Raking the lawn improves them overall, clearing out the thatch, hidden leaves and surface stones give the grass more air, sun and rain. Grass will continue to grow even when the temperature goes down to seven degrees.

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