



FEBRUARY JOBS

With spring around the corner, February is the ideal time to prepare your allotment for some of the earliest outdoor sowings in March. There are also tasty harvests of winter salads like mizuna, rocket and kale to be had.

As well as the jobs listed below, there are plenty of indoor sowings you can start now, before transferring to the allotment later in the year.

This includes sowing tomatoes, globe artichokes and sprouting broccoli in a propagator, while Brussels sprouts, leeks, onions and spinach can all be sown under cover. Want to grow get these seeds off to an early, flying start!

Mizuna, rocket and winter lettuce plants sown last autumn should now be ready to harvest, providing fresh green leaves for meals. Don't worry if you haven't grown any of these, as you can sow all three in the greenhouse in February where they'll respond well to conditions of low light and cool weather.



Prepare beds for sowing



Preparing beds before sowing begins in spring is one of the most important February allotment jobs. In doing so, you'll help to aerate, drain and warm the soil. When digging over, be sure to incorporate plenty of homemade compost or composted manure. Alternatively, give beds a dressing of organic matter, then cover for a few weeks to reduce weeds and warm the soil. A trusty garden fork and spade are essential tools for this job, while a wheelbarrow is often useful if you're using a lot of compost or manure

Plant rhubarb

For tasty harvests of rhubarb, choose a bright, open position and prepare the soil by digging deeply and incorporating plenty of rich, homemade compost. Plant the crowns so that the buds are level with the soil surface, so make sure your the hole is big enough to allow this. Firm in and water well. Let plants establish for two years before harvesting.

Green Waste Collections

The lengthsman have scheduled in the next round of collections and an email has been sent to all allotment tenants and posters have been erected at all sites. If you haven't received an email it's probably because we don't have your email address. You can tell us your email by calling 01803 859678 or emailing: info@brixhamtowncouncil.gov.uk.



Allotment Inspections

These are currently being carried out by the Lengthsman. At this time of year they will be looking for tenants to have begun the all important groundworks.