

Reduce your Carbon Footprint in the Garden

However small or large your garden is, there is a lot that you can do to help combat the cause and effect of climate change

FOR PEAT'S SAKE

Kick The Peat Habit

Peatlands are the world's largest carbon store on land. These natural boggy areas provide valuable ecosystems for both plants and animals. When we take peat for our gardens, carbon emissions are released and habitats are damaged.

Reduce the use of Plastic in the Garden

Recycle—Reuse

- Use the plastic you already have, keep using the pots you have, and share amongst other gardeners, do not buy new plastic pots or trays
- Grow in paper and cardboard, seeds and plants do just as well if not better in paper and cardboard rather than plastic trays and pots
- When you have to replace a plastic item, find a non-plastic alternative, and if you cannot, do things differently - instead of protecting new plants with fleece, just plant a couple of weeks later.



- Only wrap up with hessian and newspaper those plants that need it in winter, instead of wrapping up all the greenhouse with plastic.

Stop using petrol powered tools

Research has shown that the most widely used petrol powered tools in the garden, produce more pollution of that of a car!



Use Rainwater not Tap Water

Top tips

The average roof collects 85,000 litres of rain a year, enough to fill a water butt 450 times, so help your garden and your wildlife by saving your water from the drain. If it is going to rain, transfer the water in your water butt to watering cans and buckets to save even more water.

Water your plants early in the day or in the evening when it is cooler.

Reuse your bathwater to water your house plants

or garden (but not for fruit or vegetables).

