

ORGANIC GARDENING MASTER CHECKLIST

Tools, Tasks & Resources for Every Season

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What's Inside:

- Essential tools for organic gardeners
 - Seed-starting checklist
 - Monthly maintenance tasks
 - Composting checklist
- Greenhouse & polytunnel care
 - Seasonal gardening calendar
- Helpful apps, planners & resources

Format:

A4 printable sheet • Large-print friendly • Ideal for beginners and experienced gardeners

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1. Essential Tools Checklist

Soil & Compost Tools

- ☐ Hand trowel
- ☐ Garden fork
- ☐ Compost thermometer
- ☐ Moisture meter
- ☐ Sieve for seed compost

Watering & Irrigation

- ☐ Watering can with rose
- ☐ Drip irrigation or soaker hose
- ☐ Rainwater barrel
- ☐ Solar-powered pump (optional)

Plant Care Tools

- ☐ Secateurs
- ☐ Bamboo canes
- ☐ Soft plant ties
- ☐ Organic fertiliser scoop
- ☐ Mulching materials (straw, leaves, compost)

Pest & Disease Management

- ☐ Sticky traps
- ☐ Insect netting
- ☐ Copper tape
- ☐ Organic sprays (seaweed, neem, garlic)
- ☐ Magnifying glass for leaf checks

2. Seed-Starting Checklist

- ☐ Choose organic, open-pollinated seeds
- ☐ Use peat-free seed compost
- ☐ Clean trays and pots
- ☐ Label each tray clearly
- ☐ Provide 12–16 hours of light
- ☐ Maintain warmth (18–22°C)
- ☐ Keep compost moist, not waterlogged
- ☐ Harden off seedlings before planting out

3. Monthly Garden Maintenance

- ☐ Check soil moisture
- ☐ Add compost or mulch
- ☐ Inspect for pests
- ☐ Prune dead or damaged growth
- ☐ Harvest regularly
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Clean tools and pots ☐ Turn compost heap ☐ Check greenhouse ventilation

4. Composting Checklist

☐ Add equal greens and browns ☐ Turn pile weekly ☐ Keep moist like a wrung-out sponge ☐ Add cardboard to reduce smell ☐ Check temperature (50–65°C ideal) ☐ Sieve finished compost before use

5. Greenhouse & Poly Tunnel Checklist

☐ Ventilate daily ☐ Check temperature and humidity ☐ Water early in the day ☐ Feed tomatoes and peppers weekly ☐ Remove yellowing leaves ☐ Check irrigation systems ☐ Clean glazing to maximise light

6. Seasonal Gardening Calendar

Spring (March–May)

☐ Sow tomatoes, peppers, herbs indoors ☐ Direct sow carrots, beetroot, lettuce ☐ Prepare beds with compost ☐ Install rain barrels ☐ Harden off seedlings

Summer (June–August)

☐ Water early mornings ☐ Mulch beds to retain moisture ☐ Harvest leafy greens regularly ☐ Feed fruiting crops ☐ Sow autumn crops

Autumn (September–November)

☐ Plant garlic and overwintering onions ☐ Clear spent crops ☐ Add compost and mulch ☐ Protect beds with fleece ☐ Collect leaves for leaf mould

Winter (December–February)

- ☐ Plan next year's garden
- ☐ Order seeds
- ☐ Clean tools and pots
- ☐ Turn compost heap
- ☐ Start early sowings in greenhouse

7. Helpful Resources

- ☐ Garden planner (crop rotation)
- ☐ Frost date guide
- ☐ Pest identification app
- ☐ Sunlight tracker
- ☐ Organic gardening books
- ☐ Seed catalogue list