

Ten helpful hints for new tenants

1. If you have no tools, buy only the essentials - spade, fork, hoe, rake, trowel and water can
2. For your back's sake do not rush clearance and digging. It is best to start in the autumn
3. If a plot is badly weeded over, it is best to skim off the top and then dig it.
4. Ensure that you remove the roots of docks, dandelions and couch grass as these will regrow.
5. Start a compost heap for vegetable matter
6. Do not start sowing seeds in the open too early, as many are lost in the cold and wet ground.
7. You will need to water plants that are being transplanted until they become established
8. Aim for a succession of crops throughout the year and rotate the crops in sequence
9. Plant flowers to make the plot more colourful
10. Fellow plotholders can also give lots of advice.