

GardenAdvice Expert Supplier Directory

1. Gardening spades and forks

Essential tools for digging, turning soil, transplanting and harvesting. Spades break up hard soil while forks loosen and aerate soil without disrupting structure, ideal for mixing in compost and organic matter to improve soil fertility.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/how-spades-and-forks-can-be-used-to-maintain-gardens/>

2. Loppers

Gardening tools designed to cut through thick branches and stems. Regular loppers cut branches up to 1.5 inches diameter, while long-handled loppers extend reach and cut branches up to 2 inches, ideal for pruning trees, shrubs and hard-to-reach areas.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/the-uses-of-loppers-and-long-handed-loppers/>

Supplier URL:

https://www.diy.com/departments/bypass-tube-loppers/5059340150796_BQ.prd

3. Growmore Fertiliser

A balanced all-purpose fertilizer with equal N-P-K ratio (7-7-7 or 6-6-6) containing nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Promotes healthy growth in flowers, vegetables, trees and shrubs by providing even nutrient supply for overall plant development throughout the growing season.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/growmore-fertiliser/>

4. Liquid Tomato Feed

Balanced fertilizer containing nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and trace minerals. High in potassium for flower and fruit production. Ideal for feeding flowering plants, tomatoes and encouraging abundant blooms. Apply every 2-3 weeks during growing season from spring to summer.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/liquid-tomato-feed/>

Supplier URL:

https://www.diy.com/departments/vitax-liquid-concentrated-tomato-feed-2l/5001277712158_BQ.prd

5. Mulches (Spent Mushroom Compost)

Organic mulch and soil conditioner made from composted mushroom farm substrate. Improves soil structure, retains moisture, suppresses weeds and adds nutrients. Ideal for flower beds, vegetable gardens and general soil improvement. Apply 2-3 inch layer around plants.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/spent-mushroom-compost/>

6. Soil improvers (Chicken Manure Pellets)

Organic soil conditioner in convenient pellet form, rich in nitrogen for healthy leaf growth. Improves soil fertility and structure, promotes beneficial microorganisms. Breaks down slowly releasing nutrients over time. Apply to vegetable patches, flower beds and lawns.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/chicken-manure-as-pellets-for-improving-soil/>

7. Conservatories

Glass or polycarbonate structures attached to the home providing year-round growing space. Creates controlled environment for tender plants, extends growing season and adds living space. Ideal for growing citrus, exotics and starting seeds early.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/conservatories-in-the-garden/>

8. Conservatory blinds

Essential shading solutions for conservatories to control temperature and light levels. Protects plants from scorching, reduces glare and maintains comfortable temperatures. Available in various styles including roller, pleated and roof blinds for different conservatory designs.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/conservatory-blinds/>

9. Secateurs (Felco)

Premium Swiss-made bypass secateurs for precision pruning. Features replaceable parts, ergonomic design and sharp hardened steel blades. Ideal for roses, shrubs and general garden maintenance. Makes clean cuts that heal quickly, reducing disease risk.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/felco-secateurs/>

10. Greenhouses

Freestanding glass or polycarbonate structures for protected growing. Provides controlled environment for raising seeds, growing tender crops and overwintering plants. Available in various sizes from compact lean-to models to large walk-in greenhouse structures.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/greenhouses-for-growing-in-garden/>

11. Compost (John Innes)

Traditional loam-based growing medium made to standardized recipes. Available in seed, potting and ericaceous formulations. Provides excellent structure, drainage and nutrient retention. Ideal for container growing, seed sowing and long-term plantings.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/john-innes-composts/>

12. Horticultural fleece

Lightweight fabric for protecting plants from frost, wind and pests. Allows light, air and water through while providing insulation. Extends growing season, protects young plants and prevents pest damage. Easy to drape over plants or crops.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/horticultural-fleece/>

13. Irrigation and feeding (Porous Soaker Hose)

Porous rubber hose that slowly seeps water directly to plant roots. Reduces water waste, prevents leaf diseases and encourages deep root growth. Ideal for vegetable patches, flower beds and hedges. Can be buried under mulch or left on surface.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/porous-soaker-hose/>

14. Plant support (Wires and Systems)

Training wires, trellis systems and plant supports for climbing plants and espaliers. Helps train wall plants, support climbers and create decorative plant features. Includes vine eyes, tensioning systems and galvanized wires for long-lasting support.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/plant-wires-and-support-systems/>

15. Propagation (Heated Propagators)

Electrically heated seed trays with clear covers providing optimal temperature for germination. Maintains consistent warmth and humidity for successful seed starting. Ideal for raising tender plants, taking cuttings and early season sowing.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/heated-propogators/>

16. Pest control (Slug Nematodes)

Biological control using microscopic nematodes that target slugs. Natural, chemical-free solution applied as soil drench. Nematodes seek out and kill slugs underground. Effective for 6 weeks, safe for children, pets and wildlife.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/slug-nematodes/>

17. Polytunnel

Large polythene-covered growing structure providing protected space for crops. More affordable than greenhouses, ideal for vegetables and cut flowers. Extends growing season, protects from weather and creates warmer microclimate for productive gardening.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/polytunnels-for-growing-in-garden/>

18. Patio and decking cleaner

Specialized cleaning products for removing algae, moss and dirt from hard surfaces. Restores appearance of patios, decking, paths and drives. Available in various formulations including eco-friendly options. Apply and rinse for clean, safe outdoor surfaces.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/patio-and-decking-cleaner/>

19. Garden hoes

Essential weeding tools with flat blade for removing weeds and cultivating soil. Various styles including Dutch hoe for surface weeding and draw hoe for earthing up. Efficient for maintaining weed-free beds, creating drills and mixing in amendments.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/gardening-how-to/garden-machinery/garden-hoes/>

20. Barbecues

Outdoor cooking equipment for garden entertaining. Available in gas, charcoal and electric models. From compact portable units to built-in kitchen systems. Essential for al fresco dining, social gatherings and enjoying garden living spaces.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/garden-barbecues/>

21. Wheelbarrows

Essential garden transport for moving soil, compost, plants and tools. Available in various sizes and materials including galvanized steel and polypropylene. Features pneumatic or solid wheels. Reduces strain when transporting heavy materials around the garden.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/wheelbarrows/>

22. Garden Pergolas

Decorative wooden or metal structures creating shaded walkways and seating areas. Provides support for climbing plants like roses, wisteria and vines. Adds architectural interest, defines garden spaces and creates romantic outdoor rooms.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/garden-pergolas/>

23. Natural stone paving

Premium hard landscaping material including limestone, sandstone, slate and granite. Creates beautiful patios, paths and terraces with natural character. Durable, weather-resistant and improves with age. Available in various finishes and colours.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/natural-stone-paving/>

24. Garden bell jars

Traditional glass cloches for protecting individual plants from frost and pests. Creates mini greenhouse effect for early crops and tender plants. Decorative Victorian-style protection ideal for raised beds and kitchen gardens.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/garden-bell-jars/>

25. Garden Awnings

Retractable fabric canopies providing shade and shelter for outdoor living spaces. Protects from sun and light rain, extends usable garden space. Available in manual or motorized versions with various fabrics and styles to complement garden design.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/garden-awnings/>

26. Watering cans

Essential garden tool for watering plants, seedlings and containers. Available in various sizes and materials including galvanized metal and plastic. Features include long spouts for reach, fine roses for gentle watering and ergonomic handles.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/watering-cans/>

27. Gardening compost bins

Containers for recycling garden and kitchen waste into nutrient-rich compost. Accelerates decomposition process, reduces waste and creates free soil improver. Available in various sizes and styles including wooden, plastic and tumbler designs.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/garden-compost-bins/>

28. Wild bird feed

Nutritious seed mixes and food for attracting and supporting garden birds. Includes sunflower seeds, nyjer, peanuts and specialist blends. Encourages biodiversity, provides natural pest control and brings wildlife into the garden year-round.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/wild-bird-feed/>

29. Summer wreaths and garlands

Decorative arrangements of fresh or dried flowers and foliage for garden decoration. Seasonal displays for doors, gates and garden features. Creates welcoming atmosphere, celebrates garden bounty and adds colour to outdoor entertaining spaces.

GardenAdvice URL:

<https://gardenadvice.co.uk/summer-wreaths-and-garlands/>