

Cheat the seasons – grow under cover!

With a polytunnel from First Tunnels, you don't have to wait until Easter to start gardening. You'll be sowing and harvesting crops long before winter has lost its grip

EBRUARY - IT'S torment for gardeners: the evenings are getting lighter and signs of spring are all around us, but it's still bitterly cold. We're forced to remain indoors, sifting through seed catalogues and dreaming about the season ahead.

Easter traditionally marks the start of the gardening season, but that long-awaited bank holiday weekend is nearly three months away! If only there was a way to get gardening earlier, without upping sticks and moving to warmer climes...

The nation's desire for yearround gardening is prompting gardeners to

embrace polytunnel gardening. According to leading supplier First Tunnels,

polytunnels are the perfect way to extend the growing season by making sunlight work harder and keeping damaging winds and frosts at bay.

PLANTING

Even in February, polytunnel growers are busy sowing and planting aubergines, broad beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celeriac, celery, chard, coriander and garlic. And not to mention lettuce, peas, peppers, potatoes, radishes, rocket, spinach, spring onions, strawberries, sweet potatoes, tomatoes and turnips.

This month - yes, in what many still regard as the depths of winter, it's possible to harvest beetroot, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celeriac, celery, chard, coriander, kohlrabi, lettuce, pak choi, radish, rocket, spinach, spring onions and turnips grown in a polytunnel.

Take a look at First Tunnels' free monthly downloadable expert growing guides (h First Tunnels.co.uk/guides.asp). They'll be live by 19 February.

SAVINGS

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If the sheer variety of food-mile and pesticide-free produce isn't enough to convince you, look at the financial benefits. As this magazine went to press, UK

inflation had jumped to 3.7 per cent, according to the Consumer Prices Index. With petrol and food

prices at record highs, family finances are feeling the squeeze.

Last month, the National Society of Allotment and Leisure Gardeners claimed that an allotment rewards gardeners with £1,362 worth of produce per year. Imagine how much greater the savings could be in the year-round growing environment of a polytunnel?

So, by investing in a polytunnel now, you really can experience Easter gardening in February. And no, that's not an excuse to eat your chocolate eggs early! To find out more about how a polytunnel can turn winter into spring, visit ↑ FirstTunnels.co.uk today!

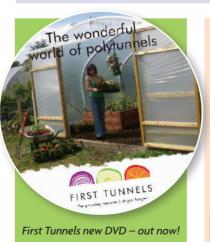


Sliding doors: save up to £200!

SLIDING DOORS on polytunnels free up valuable growing space by not having to leave an area for doors to

open freely into. During February, First Tunnels is offering a free sliding doors upgrade - a saving of up to £200!

A special ground-bolt system allows gardeners to secure the doors in closed or open positions, offering vast control over the amount of air that flows in and out. That's more growing space, ventilation and flexibility. Call First Tunnels to take advantage of this limited offer.



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