



## Gardening Tips

**1** Want to save potting mix how about filling the bottom with packing peanuts or even crushed aluminium cans this will also make the make pot lighter and easier to move around and improves drainage. And super clean as well.



**2** Ever spent hours trying to get all the dirt out from under your fingernails after time spent in the garden? Try this idea, just before you start digging drag your fingernails across a bar of soap. That should seal out the dirt and once you have finished a simple wash with a nailbrush your nails will be free of dirt.



**3** Your plants will love you if you put your banana peel in the compost which will add potassium and phosphorus, both essential macronutrients for plants. You can also make a tonic for plants as a dried banana peel shake. Dry your peels so that they atomise nicely then blend them with water and pour them on your plants like a smoothie for afternoon tea.



**4** Pot plants can dry out so quickly in the summer so why not give an old kitchen sponge a second lease of life by using them at the base of your flowerpots to hold the water in. Lining the bottom of your pots stops the water run off and helps keep the soil moist for longer.

