Make a hibernaculum

Are you croakily confused about where frogs go in winter? Frogs, toads and reptiles hibernate for the cold months. A big home for these creatures is called a hibernaculum. Start digging!

You will need

• Spade
• Logs and branches
• Bricks and big stones
• Two or three pieces of drainpipe (ask a DIY store for offcuts)

1. Dig a hole about 50 cm deep and 1.5 metres across.
2. Fill the hole with logs, branches, bricks and rocks. Leave plenty of spaces in between.
3. Slot in entrance tunnels using the drainpipes at the sides. The tops of the drainpipes should be at ground level.
4. Cover the bricks and branches with soil until you have a mound about half a metre high. Make sure that you don’t cover up the drainpipe entrance holes.
5. Wait for frogs and toads to hop and crawl their way in.

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