

## FEBRUARY GARDENING

<b>Plant Plants</b>	<p><b>Continue to plant cool season Annuals:</b> Bluebonnets, Dianthus, Pansies, Petunias, Violas, Stock, etc.</p> <p><b>Seed – Sow for Spring color:</b> Larkspur, Sweet Alyssum, Sweet Pea, etc.</p> <p><b>Bulbs –</b> Lilluims, Iris, Daylily, etc.</p>
<b>Plant Veggies</b>	<p><b>Best time to plant root crops –</b></p> <p>Beets, Carrots, Onions, Radishes, Turnips, etc.</p> <p>*Mid-February – Potato (protect if freeze is predicted)</p>
<b>Plant Herbs</b>	<p><b>Plant now –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chives, Parsley, Rosemary, Sage, etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Roses</b>	<p>Great time to plant bare-root and container.</p> <p>* Prune roses on Valentines Day.</p>
<b>Trees</b>	<p>Plant container or bare-root.</p> <p>Includes - trees, shrubs and vines.</p>
<b>Weeding</b>	<p>Continue to weed to keep beds tidy.</p>
<b>Mulch</b>	<p>To maintain moisture and deter weeds.</p> <p>Also mulch newly planted trees, shrubs, and bedding plants</p>
<b>Prune</b>	<p>Seasonal Color - Deadhead spent blooms to promote new blooms.</p> <p>Trees &amp; shrubs – Prune and shape shade trees and shrubs.</p> <p>* Do not prune spring blooming trees and shrubs.</p> <p>Perennials – Prune back winter damage</p>
<b>Fertilize</b>	<p>Established Trees &amp; Shrubs</p> <p>Cool season annuals and veggies.</p>

<b>Water</b>	As needed and before a freeze if dry.
<b>Pest</b>	Annuals – Watch for snails and slugs. Veggies – Watch for cabbage loopers, aphids, and leaf beetle. Still time to spray fruit trees early in the month.
<b>Birds</b>	Keep Birdbaths clean and filled with fresh water. Keep feeders cleaned and filled with seed. Fill and hang suet feeders with suet cakes.
<b>Other Critters</b>	Keep a fresh source of water placed on the ground to drink from. Put out corn for the squirrels.

**Note:** Remember February can be our coldest month of winter, with hard freezes and frost. Be prepared to protect your tender plants .

**Happy Gardening!**

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