

# Lawn & Garden FEBRUARY To Do List



## MAINTAIN

- Till your garden soil and work in amendments.
- Use post-emergence herbicide on growing weeds; apply pre-emergent crabgrass control when soil temperatures reach 55° F for four or five days.

## ANNUALS AND CONTAINERS

- Check stored tender bulbs every two weeks; discard rotten ones. If withered, lightly mist the packing medium with water.
- Prune Group B and Group C clematis vines; prune or mow ornamental grasses, if desired.
- Zones 8 and warmer can plant ornamental grasses. Zones 9 and warmer can plant summer-flowering bulbs and perennials outdoors.
- Fertilize winter-blooming pansies; spread poppy seeds on top of the last snow.
- Zones 9 and warmer can plant spring annuals outdoors after the last frost.

## TREES AND SHRUBS

- Cover tender plants before a freeze; prune roses as buds begin to swell.
- Leave winterized roses covered until all danger of a hard frost has passed.
- Prune trees or shrubs damaged by winter storms.
- Zones 7 and warmer can plant bare-root trees and shrubs. Zones 8 and warmer can plant bare-root roses.

## FRUITS, VEGETABLES AND HERBS

- Fertilize winter vegetable plants as needed; prune dormant fruit trees and grape vines.
- Replace the top inch of container soil with fresh compost.
- Apply dormant spray to fruit trees before new growth starts.
- Zones 8 and higher can plant cool-season vegetables such as lettuce, broccoli and cabbage.

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