

FEBRUARY IN THE GARDEN

As every true gardener knows regardless of the month there are always things to do in the garden. Here is a list of things to work on this month.

PREPARING

- **Great time of the year to start getting new landscape beds ready for planting. (Remember not to till or plant when soil is really wet. Air is then forced out of the soil and causes the soil to become even more compacted.)**
- **Add compost to existing landscape beds**
- **Turn vegetable gardens**

PLANTING

- **Fruit trees and pecan trees. Selection is normally very good this time of year.**
- **Trees, shrubs, roses, groundcovers and cool seasonal annuals such as Pansies, Snapdragons, Dianthus and Petunias.**
- **Broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, onions, potatoes, strawberries.**
- **Hardy vegetable seeds – spinach, radishes, kale, arugula, English peas, and beets.**

PRUNING

- **Time to prune back roses – not climbing roses (climbers get pruned after the spring bloom)**
- **Time to trim back Liriope and Monkey Grass before new growth emerges**
- **Trim back perennial ornamental grasses**
- **Crepe Myrtles if you did not prune in January**
- **Trees if you did not prune in January**

If in doubt on proper pruning of any of your plant material – please stop by the store for a lesson.

PROTECT/CONTROL

- **It is still cool enough to spray dormant oil on hollies, euonymus, camellias, crepe myrtles, and oaks for scale protection.**
- **On roses it is time to start preventative measures to keep black spots from affecting your roses. Cornmeal if you garden organically, Fertilome systemic fungicide if you garden conventionally.**
- **Time to apply pre-emergent to prevent spring time weeds. Corn Gluten meal if you garden organically and Hi-Yield Crabgrass Control or Hi-Yield Turf and Ornamental Weed and Grass Stopper.**