



FEBRUARY GARDENING TIPS

ANNUALS

- Peak flowering season for your cool-season annuals occurs in March and April; fertilize now for strong growth and beautiful blooms.
- Keep an eye on your indoor seedlings, make sure they have enough moisture and light. (Not enough light creates leggy, weak transplants.)

HARDY FRUIT & NUT TREES

- Treat hardy fruit trees with horticultural and dormant oil to prevent scale. Spray before blooms appear.
- Prune established hardy fruit trees before new growth begins. fertilize fruit trees that are a year old.

TREES

- Finish planting trees if you can this month. They need all the time they can get to be able to survive their first San Antonio summer.
- Prune oaks and paint all wounds.

Favorite early spring bloomer:

Texas Mountain Laurel

Texas Redbud

SHRUBS & ROSES

- Finish planting shrubs if you can this month. They need all the time they can get to be able to survive their first San Antonio summer.
- Prune summer and fall blooming established roses this month. If hedging shrubs, leave the top a little narrower than the base so light can reach the lower area resulting in a nice, dense hedge.
- Purchase spring roses, best selection at nursery now.
- Hard prune established roses around Valentine's Day.

LAWNS

- Organic lawn fertilizer can be applied by the end of the month. (Only organic!)
- Buy pre-emergent weed control for application end of month or beginning of March.

VEGETABLES

- Last chance to plant cool season crops for an early spring harvest
 - Direct seed root crops as their long taproot does not transplant well.
 - You can still start indoor seeds of warm season veggies like tomatoes, peppers, eggplant. But hurry.
 - Bump up seedlings, that have been growing for a month or two, to the next size pot.
 - Plant asparagus crowns, new potatoes, onions (hurry), leeks, shallots.
- Tomato transplants will be available this month, but you will need to BBPP! (Buy, Bump, Protect, Plant)