

Weather Averages:

Temperature: High 54.4 Low 28.9
Precipitation: 4.3 inches

Lawn & Garden

Fertilize emerging spring flowering bulbs.

Spread wood ashes around the vegetable garden, flowering bulb beds and non-acid loving plants.

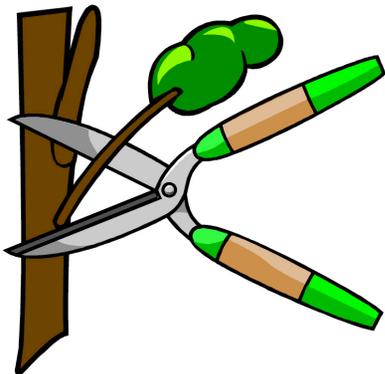
First week in February start broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower plants inside your home.

Plant English peas, onions, Irish potatoes, radishes, rutabagas, spinach, turnips, and carrots.

Plant asparagus crowns when soil is dry enough to work.

Cool season lawns like tall fescue should be fertilized.

Apply crabgrass preventer to cool season grasses.



February

Pruning

Prune fruit trees this month. Apple, Pear, Cherry, Plum, Peach, Nectarine. Prune annually for best fruit production.

Prune summer flowering shrubs. Crape Myrtle, Rose of Sharon (Althea), Eleagnus, Butterfly Bush. Prune if shrublike form is desired.

Prune ornamental grasses. Liriope (lily turf), mondo grass (monkey grass), pampas grass. Trim annually.

Prune overgrown shubbery. Ligustrum (privet), Osmanthus, red-tip photinia, holly, boxwood, cleyera, some junipers, etc. Prune in late February to desired size. Try not to prune more than 1/3 total shrub.

Prune established blueberries. Thin 1/3 of the oldest canes to ground level.

Prune camellias. Japonica and Sasanqua varieties. Prune anytime after flowering. Never prune after July 4th.

Prune crabapple. Prune out water sprout and any limbs out of shape.

Prune grapes. Prune annually so training is easier.

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Other Chores:

Peach and nectarine trees need to be sprayed with a fungicide to prevent leaf curl.

After pruning, spray all fruit trees with dormant oil to help eliminate some insects.

Divide perennials like daylily and shasta daisy when the ground is dry enough.

Hardwood cuttings of many landscape plants like crape myrtle, flowering quince, forsythia, hydrangea, juniper, spirae, and weigela can be taken this month.

Develop a vegetable and landscape plan for your home.