



Timely Tips February

Ornamentals & Lawn

1. Service and repair lawn equipment now so that they are ready to go when the grass starts growing!
2. Water your evergreens if the soil is not frozen and we have not had at least 1" of precipitation.
3. When air temperatures are above 40°F and below 80°F spray magnolias with *Fertilome Scalicide* to kill any scale insects.
4. Sow seeds that are slow to start such as poppies, snapdragons and bachelor buttons.

Fruits & Vegetables

1. Sow seeds that are slow to start and like cooler weather such as, broccoli, onions, cabbage, and cauliflower.
2. If weather and soil permit, start sowing veggie seeds in cold frames for an early harvest of peas, lettuce, spinach and radishes.
3. Prune grapes, brambles and fruit trees on a nice sunny day. Stop by Superior for guides on pruning your fruits and berries. Be sure to keep pruners sterilized if you are working on any branches that may be diseased and coat them lightly with oil when you are done to prevent rust.

Houseplants

1. As houseplants start to show signs of new growth, begin fertilizing them with *Jack's Classic Fertilizer*.
2. Re-pot any root-bound or overgrown houseplants now before the spring growth starts. Choose a container that is just slightly larger than the one the plant is in currently and use a quality potting mix such as *Pro Mix Ultimate Potting Mix*.

Birds & Wildlife

1. Be sure to maintain and keep bird feeders and water well supplied for wildlife. Begin putting up bird houses to encourage birds to take up residency in your yard.
2. Keep any wildlife water sources unfrozen with a de-icer or water heater.
3. If your water garden has fish, be sure to keep a hole in the ice to allow water to be well oxygenated.

General

1. Start planning your landscape projects for spring! This is a great time to contact Rost Landscape through Superior Garden Center if you wish to have a landscape design created for you.
2. Do any research about plants you may be curious in using and gather information on materials needed for any landscape projects you have planned for spring.
3. Sharpen and clean your yard tools such as hoes, shovels and pruners. Coat them with oil after sharpening to protect and condition the metal.