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January Garden Tasks

1. Continue to plant trees and shrubs
2. Prep and stock your seed-starting area
3. Purchase and test supplemental lighting for seed starting (i.e. grow lights or LED tubes)
4. Amend any empty flower and garden beds with compost
5. Pull any veggies that have been killed or damaged by frost and clear out debris
6. Sketch out your spring garden plans
7. Shop for houseplants and pots (it's a perfect time to shop for the best selection)
8. Clean old pots and tools
9. Sharpen your shears and cutters

Seed Indoors

Broccoli, Brussels Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Swiss Chard, Kale, Spinach, Greens, Tomatoes, Eggplant, Peppers

Seed Outdoors

Swiss Chard, Lettuce, Spinach, Onion Sets

Transplant

Kale, Greens, Lettuce, Spinach, Swiss Chard

Color in the Garden

Pansies, Ornamental Cabbages/Kale, Dianthus, Sweet Alyssum, Snap Dragons, Violas, Dusty Miller, Ranunculus Bulbs, Allium Bulbs

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February Garden Tasks

- Prep your garden beds for spring by pulling any weeds and adding 2-4 inches of compost.
- Be ready to protect your plants with frost covers in case there's freezing weather.
- Continue to plant native and well-adapted trees, shrubs and perennials.
- Use dormant oil according to instructions on fruit trees.
- Prune roses back by 1/3rd around Valentines.
- Prune most non-spring-blooming shrubs and trees.
- Feed your soil with compost, but avoid using heavy fertilizers this time of year.
- Focus on cleaning, prepping and planning for your spring garden.
- If you transplant tomatoes in late February, please remember to protect them from frost.

Seed Indoors

Arugula, Basil, Chives, Cilantro, Collards, Dill, Eggplants, Kale, Letuces, Parsley, Peppers, Spinach, Swiss Chard

Seed Outdoors

Beets, Carrots, Collards, Kale, Lettuces, Mustard Greens, Snap Peas, Spinach, Swiss Chard, Turnips

Transplant

Asparagus, Arugula, Broccoli, Brussel Sprouts, Cabbage, Cauliflower, Collards, Kale, Lettuces, Mustard Greens, Onion Sets, Potatoes, Spinach, Swiss Chard

Color in the Garden

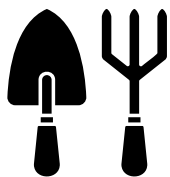
By Seed Indoors: Basil, Dill, Marigolds, Cornflower

Transplant: Dianthus, Dusty Miller, Ornamental Kales and Cabbages, Pansies, Snapdragons, Sweet Alyssum, Violas



The Garden Porch

for East Texas Gardeners



Don't Plant Too Early (or Too Late)

Trust us! East Texas weather can be tricky. Plant too early, a freeze will kill your plants. Plant too late, and the heat will stop them from thriving.



Water Deep, Not Daily.

Roots go where the water goes and you want strong roots that are deep. Train them to dig deep and your plants will be so much happier (and so will you).



Mulch heavy.

Keeps your soil cool in the summer and warm in the winter with mulch. Your plants will like it and your weeds won't like it. Plus, it looks pretty and who doesn't like pretty things in the garden

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