

Garden Tips for February/March



- Research and plan to add perennials, trees, or shrubs to your landscape in late spring
- Purchase/order annual and vegetable garden seeds with 65-80 days to maturity, remember to add 14 days to the maturity date on the packet, this is approximately how long it will take for that plant to mature here in Central Oregon because we do not have much plant growth at night on most nights.
- Maintain houseplants—wipe the leaves with a damp wet cloth to remove dust
- Repair, clean, sharpen, and maintain garden equipment
- Clean pruners and other small garden tools with rubbing alcohol, this will work to disinfect the tools without causing corrosion that you may get from a bleach solution



- Plant seed flats for cole crops including broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, brussel sprouts
- Gather branches of quince, forsythia, and other flowering ornamentals and bring inside to force early bloom
- Plant a windowsill container garden of herbs
- Use a soil thermometer to help you know when to plant vegetable and flower seeds; cool season vegetables that germinate and grow at a soil temperature of 40°F or above consistently include beets, carrots, peas, radishes, lettuce, and spinach to name a few. For more information on when to plant seeds or set out starts check out our website at: http://extension.oregonstate.edu/deschutes/Horticulture/GardenPublications_000.php, and go to “OSU Publications for Central Oregon” then scroll down to “vegetables.”