

FEBRUARY TIMELY TIPS

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BIRD IS THE WORD

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL BIRD FEEDING MONTH. PUT OUT APPLE PIECES, RAISINS SOAKED IN WATER, GRAPES & OTHER FRUIT IN HANGING FRUIT FEEDERS OR OPEN TRAYS TO ATTRACT AMERICAN ROBINS, CEDAR WAXWINGS, FINCHES, MOCKINGBIRDS AND MORE.



Heed your Seed

Install a clear plastic weather dome to protect tube feeders from rain & snow. Store bird food in a sealed container & keep in a cool dry place to prevent spoilage.



DON'T PULL WEEDS PREVENT THEM!

Control both grassy & broadleaf weeds in the lawn, with a pre-emergent like Bonide Weedbeater Ultra. To prevent weeds in planting beds, apply a pre-emergent herbicide like Hi-Yield Turf & Ornamental Weed and Grass Preventer.

A cut above



To keep cut flowers fresh, place them in room-temperature water as soon as possible. Make an angled cut with a sharp knife, removing 1 inch from each stem. Make this cut while the stems are under water.

Add floral preservatives to the vase water to discourage bacteria. Remove all foliage below water level. Change water daily.

KEEP FLOWERS IN A COOL, HUMID ENVIRONMENT. KEEP OUT OF BRIGHT LIGHT AND AWAY FROM HEATING VENTS. MIST THE AIR AROUND THE ARRANGEMENT.

Keep flowers away from fruit or veggies, the ethylene gas emitted by ripening fruit can damage flowers, as can cigarette smoke.

CONTROL ANY BORING OR LEAF FEEDING INSECTS SUCH AS BRONZE BIRCH BORER, ELM LEAF BEETLE AND APHIDS WITH BONIDE ANNUAL TREE AND SHRUB INSECT CONTROL. BE SURE GROUND IS NOT FROZEN AND MOIST BEFORE APPLYING. ALWAYS PLEASE READ THE LABEL BEFORE APPLYING ANY PESTICIDE!



Early bulbs might sprout prematurely. Cold weather might damage the edges of the foliage, but unless the flower bud has appeared, it will not affect the future flowering or health of the bulb.



Some early bulbs can tolerate a bit of frost: winter aconite, snowdrops & glory of the snow.

ALWAYS USE POTS WITH DRAINAGE HOLES. DO NOT BLOCK, PLUG, OR OTHERWISE OBSTRUCT DRAINAGE HOLES. PLANTS NEED OXYGEN, JUST LIKE YOU!



Do not attempt to move pots that are frozen to the ground. Do not allow standing water to freeze inside pots.



Cover pots that are not in use — please note that pots which are planted with bulbs count as "in use."



DID YOU KNOW?



When pruning trees in your landscape, keep in mind that maple, elm, birch & others may produce copious amounts of sap when pruned at this time of year.



WIPE DUST OFF HOUSEPLANTS; CLEAN PLANTS ARE HEALTHIER AND LESS SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISEASE AND PEST INFESTATIONS.



Heavy (no more than 25% by volume) pruning of large woody plants can be done this month as weather permits. Prune large spring flowering trees and shrubs after they bloom.



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