



FEBRUARY



GARDENING TO DO LIST

GENERAL

- ☐ plan new plantings; draw a to-scale sketch of your yard, including trees & shrubs (when bulbs & perennials emerge in spring, add them to the sketch) to determine placement & space for new plants
- ☐ water outdoor container gardens when weather is mild & pots have thawed

VEGETABLES & HERBS

- ☐ start seeds indoors for broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, parsley, onions & leeks
- ☐ buy seeds early for best selection

FRUIT

- ☐ twist off Eastern Tent Caterpillar egg cases from apple, cherry & crabapple trees

WILDLIFE

- ☐ keep bird feeders clean & replenished
- ☐ keep bird baths clean & filled with unfrozen water
- ☐ if you have a pond, make sure a portion of it is clear of ice at all times

BULBS

- ☐ if bulbs start emerging early, cover with a plastic trash can at night to keep frost off
- ☐ label bulbs as they emerge so you know where they are after they go dormant

SHRUBS & TREES

- ☐ prune deciduous (leaf-dropping) trees to remove dead or broken branches & branches that rub against each other & to improve form (just be conservative when pruning spring bloomers so you don't remove too many flower buds)
- ☐ if you've had problems with aphids, mites, woolly adelgid or scale insects, spray trees with dormant oil following label instructions when temperatures will remain above 40°F for 24 hours after spraying
- ☐ remove & destroy bagworm bags from affected trees, principally evergreens
- ☐ if deer are a problem, apply deer repellants monthly, rotating two or more products

ANNUALS & PERENNIALS

- ☐ plant pansies & cool-season vegetables at the end of the month if weather is forecast to be mild for next 10 days

HOUSEPLANTS

- ☐ check plants for pests (scale, mealybugs, spider mites) & treat as needed
- ☐ let soil dry to touch between waterings