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FEBRUARY'S PLANNING GUIDE

This is a Great Time to Plant!

PLANT:

- **Pansies, kale, phlox, dianthus, alyssum, English daisies, geraniums, snapdragons and more.**
- **Roses** (container or bare-root). Earthkind Roses are heat/drought tolerant & resistant to insects/disease.
- Cool-season vegetables - **potatoes, onions, cabbage, broccoli, asparagus, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, lettuce, spinach, radish, turnips, snap peas, beets, carrots, collards, chard.**
- **Fruit trees, pecans, grapes and berry plants.**
- **Existing landscape shrubs and trees**, if you need to relocate them.
- **Balled and burlapped trees**, for best results, during dormancy. Still plenty of time to **plant container trees and shrubs**. Plant now to beat the heat!
- **Divide summer and fall perennials** before they germinate this spring.
- **Anything with roots**, use **Covington's Soil Builder**. Contains compost, expanded shale (holds 38% of its weight in water) & greensand to break up clay, add nutrients, retain moisture & revitalize microbial activity.

PRUNE:

- **Fruit trees** to encourage stronger limbs.
- **Groundcovers: asian jasmine, mondgrass, and liriop**e to remove old growth.
- **Trees** to remove dead or damaged growth.
- Those **shrubs** that require heavy shearing and re-shaping.
- **Rose bushes** by about 60%. Be sure and prune out any diseased or dead branches.

FERTILIZE:

- Newly planted trees & shrubs every 3-4 weeks for first year with **ferti.lome Root Stimulator**.
- Apply **Hi-Yield Dimension pre-emergent** now to prevent most spring weeds.
- Pansies, during warm spells, with **Hi-Yield Blood and Bone Meal** and new annuals and perennials with **Osmocote** and water-soluble plant food to promote new blooms through winter.
- Existing ryegrass and fescue with high nitrogen **Covington's Premium Lawn Fertilizer**.

BE ON WATCH:

- Roadside aster, henbit and clover weeds can be controlled with **ferti.lome Weed-Free Zone**.
- Aphids, spider mites, mealy bugs, other problem insects; control with **Bonide Systemic Insecticide**. For best control of scale use **Hi-Yield Dormant Oil**.
- To kill borers in the trunks of trees, use **ferti.lome Insect Drench**. Protects for up to one year.
- Keep **frost cloth** on hand and cover tender plants to protect from freezing weather. Top dress landscape and flower beds with at least a 2 inch layer of **mulch** to help retain moisture and keep soil temperature warmer.
- Start spray program for fruit and nut trees. Use **ferti.lome Triple Action Spray** (containing Neem).

WATER:

- Container plants, flower beds, shrubs & trees as needed to keep healthy and reduce winter damage.
- Trees installed for less than two years must have special care to ensure a strong and healthy root system. See our Plant Article on **Tree Care for the First Two Years** on our website or come by and pick one up.

We're open 7 days a week to serve you!

Now is the **time to plan**. We're not as busy as we will be in Spring, so it's a great time to visit with one of our nursery professionals to get help with your plant needs. Or, if you want a professionally designed landscape created for you, this is also a great time to work with one of our designers.