

February Checklist

Pre-gardening



There is much that can be done now to get a jump start on the growing season. These tips, with links from the Utah State University Extension Gardeners Almanac, can help get you going.

- * Consider adding a smaller structure such as a low tunnel or a larger high tunnel to extend your growing season.
- * Try your hand at starting vegetables or annual plants indoors from seed to get a jump start on growing.
- * Consider growing herbs and/or microgreens indoors to add fresh greens to your diet.
- * If you are storing bulbs, check their condition to make sure they are still firm. Remove any that are soft or rotten.
- * Prune grapes and fruit trees in late February to early March.

- * Fertilize fruit trees at least 6 weeks before they bloom.
- * Monitor for deer and rodent damage in the landscape.
- * Avoid fungus gnat infestation in house plants by allowing the soil to dry between watering.
- * Many of our Master Gardener courses will be held virtually or as a combination of virtual and in-person classes this year. For information about classes around the state, visit extension.usu.edu/mastergardener/find-a-program.
- * Specific gardening information can be found at garden.usu.edu. Here you will find fruit, vegetable and herb growing guides, information on soil, lawn, yard, tree, shrub and flower care. In addition are monthly tips, the basics of gardening, information on events, classes, and more.