

POTTERY FIESTA

February Planting Tips

Begin feeding established roses with a Flower and Vegetable Food or Magnum Rose Food (for potted roses). Add Epsom salts. Deep water them three times a week.

Plant those cool weather annuals such as pansies, violas, snapdragons, geraniums, gerbera daisies, ranunculus and petunias.

Feed established citrus with Citrus Food.

There is still time to plant cool weather vegetables from seed, such as beets, broccoli, and cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, Chinese celery, cilantro, collard, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, mustard green, onion sets, peas, radishes, spinach, Swiss chard, turnip and Jerusalem artichoke.

Start spring vegetables, such as bush beans, chard, cucumbers, dill, peppers, sweet corn and summer squash, from seed indoors or late in the month.

Mulch your potatoes and onion.

Tomato starts are available for planting this month. Be sure to cover new plants if there is a danger of frost.

Most established trees and shrubs should be receiving irrigation about every two weeks. Water slowly and deeply.

Be prepared to cover frost sensitive plants on nights when there is a frost warning.

Prune deciduous trees and shrubs (if not done in January) before new growth begins, while plants are still dormant.

Apply a pre-emergent to prevent early spring weeds.

Start regular feeding of established irises with Organic Flower & Bloom fertilizer.

Purchase Geraniums toward end of the month for containers. Keep in full sun until it's really hot, and then move them to a shaded area for the summer months.

Cut back and divide those chrysanthemums.