

Plant Ranch Nursery

THINGS TO DO IN JAN & FEB

1. PERENNIALS, TREES AND SHRUBS. Now is the time for transplanting. Keep transplants out of the ground for the shortest time period. Use root stimulator when planting to get your transplant off to a great start. Do not allow plants to dry out, keep moist but not wet.
2. ROSES. Prune roses in late January and February. After pruning remove all leaves from remaining branches. Remove old leaves from the ground to help prevent disease.
3. GRAPES. Prune in January or February. For muscadines, prune all branches that are less than 3/16" in diameter, leaving 2 to 3 buds per spur. Selectively prune spurs to prevent crowning and bushiness.
4. Pruning. Great time to prune deciduous plants, if needed. Remove diseased or dead branches, and suckers from the base. Remove rubbing branches. Do not prune spring flowering shrubs or trees until after they bloom.
5. Lawns. Water your lawn every 10 days at 1/2 to 3/4 inch per watering. Watering days for odd number addresses are Wednesdays and for even number addresses, Thursdays. If a freeze is predicted, water your plants 24 to 48 hours prior to freeze night.
6. Protecting from the cold. Frost blankets can be used to protect those tender plants. Citrus fruit should be removed if the temperatures fall below 28 degrees for 4 hours or more. Bank clean sand about 12 inches high at the base of young Citrus trees to protect the graft union.
7. Fertilizing. Shrubs, young trees and fruit trees should be fertilized in mid-February using a 16-4-8 or 16-0-8. For fruit trees use a specialty fertilizer and follow directions on the label.