

FEBRUARY

Herbaceous plants

1.	Cut back last year's growth	Do it before new growth and flowers emerges
2.	Divide and transplant	Divide overgrown herbaceous to give them fresh start and space, transplant any herbaceous into new place
3.	Mulching	Mulch to add organic matter, suppress the weeds and slow down evaporation in warm months
4.	Apply organic fertiliser	Organic fertilisers slowly release nutrients, so they will be available to plants when growing season starts

Bulbs

1.	Still time to plant summer flowering bulbs	Alliums, hardy
2.	Divide snowdrops after flowering	Snowdrops are best planted in green, by dividing overgrown clumps you encourage next year's flowering
3.	Pot lilies indoor	Pot them in the greenhouse or bright spot in shed. They will be ready to plant out in late March/April

Shrubs

1.	Cut any dead, damaged and diseased branches	This will ensure healthy growth and stop disease spread. Good time for formative pruning.
2.	Prune winter flowering shrubs after flowers fade	Prune lightly Hamamelis & winter flowering jasmine
3.	Prune summer flowering shrubs you did not prune last year	Amelanchier, Berberis, Cotoneaster, Potentilla, Sambucus

4.	Avoid pruning!!!	Evergreen shrubs
5.	Good time for renovation pruning	Forsythia, Philadelphus, Ribes,
6.	Plant bare rooted shrubs	Hedging plants, roses
7.	Good time to transplant deciduous shrubs	Any shrub you want to transplant

Trees

1.	Prune dead, damaged and diseased branches	This will ensure healthy growth and stop disease spread. Good time for formative pruning.
2.	Trees to prune now	Acer, Cercidiphyllum, Cornus, Corylus, Crataegus, Davidia, Fagus, Liliodendron, Liquidambar, Malus, Nyssa, Quercus, Salix, Sorbus,
3.	Avoid pruning!!!	Betula, Alnus, Laburnum, Tilia,
4.	Removal of trees before the nesting season starts	Remove any badly shaped, unsafe and sick trees
5.	Plant bare rooted trees	Any deciduous bare rooted tree
6.	Prepare new tree enclosures, staking trees	Prepare enclosures with netting if you have to protect them from animals, dig out turf around trees to allow mulching and fertilizer application and for easy lawn maintenance,

Fertilisers

	Apply organic fertilisers	Seaweed, blood fish and bone, chicken manure, farmyard manure
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Lawn		
1.	Remove perennial weeds	Use hand tools to remove perennial weeds
2.	Cut lawn edges	Keep lawn edges to stop grass growing into borders and to maintain sharp look
3.	In case of mild winter and excessive grass growth consider mowing on high setting	Never cut the grass if there is a frost forecast, set mower into high level
Climbers		
1.	Cut back late autumn flowering clematis	Clematis orientalis, Clematis varicella, and Clematis texensis
2.	Continue pruning, and training climbing roses	Different techniques may apply depending on type
3.	Prune winter flowering jasmin	Start by removing dead, damaged and diseased branches, then create nicely shaped frame

Fruit trees & soft fruits

1.	Apply winter wash before buds start to appear	Winter Tree Wash is a mixture of natural oils derived from plants and fish, designed to manage insect and aphid eggs on fruit trees and bushes during the inactive season.
2.	Prune apples, pears	Different techniques apply to specific forms
3.	Apply organic fertiliser and mulch	Organic fertilisers slowly release nutrients, so they will be available to plants when growing season starts
4.	Prune autumn fruiting raspberries	Cut them at the base and apply mulch
5.	Shorten summer fruiting raspberries and attached to frame	Train them before new growth appears, remove any damaged, weak and diseased canes

Greenhouse, poly tunnel and cold frames

1.	Clean and disinfect all parts	Many cleaning and disinfecting products are available, depending on your preferences and budget
2.	Check propagators and heaters, order seed sowing and cutting compost	Order propagators now as they may be out of stock in early spring, it is always good idea to have a heat source in case of late winter frost, keep garden fleece handy

Garden shed

1.	Declutter	Remove all broken and unwanted items,
2.	Sharpen and clean all tools	Remove rust, dirt and apply oil
3.	Service machinery	Do it before it will get busy, book your service

Vegetable garden

1.	Finish removing last year crops remaining	It will help to stop diseases spreading
2.	Finish deep bed preparation	You can incorporate organic matter at the same time
3.	Apply fresh compost for no dig system	It can be home-made compost or purchased in garden centre
4.	Apply garden lime when applicable	Always check pH of the soil before applying
5.	Cover beds before sowing and planting	Use old cardboard boxes, old carpet or horticulture fabric
6.	Apply organic fertilisers	Organic fertilisers slowly release nutrients, so they will be available to plants when growing season starts
7.	Check netting and supports for upcoming season	Check them now before season starts
8.	Buy seeds and order plugs	Seeds fly off the shelves during sowing time, plugs are better ordered now as nurseries may get out of stock later
9.	Make a plan for new beds	Draw your beds and mark which vegetables go where
10.	Prepare list for crop rotation	Order seeds straight after preparing the list
11.	Prepare list for intercropping	Order seeds straight after preparing the list
12.	Order plant labels or make your own	Buy ready-made labels or get creative by repurposing what you already have in your household
13.	Fix raised beds	

Landscaping		
1.	Continue with landscaping jobs	Improve drainage, prepare new paths, build new raised beds and borders, fix garden features and structures
Planted containers		
1.	Remove any dead plants and last year's bedding plants remaining	It will not only make your garden look neet but help to assess how many new bedding plants you need for upcoming season
2.	Plant summer bulbs in containers	Plant Alliums, Ranunculus, Lilies and Anemones
3.	Apply organic fertiliser	Organic fertilisers slowly release nutrients, so they will be available to plants when growing season starts
4.	Top dress containers or exchange soil	After top dressing you can add horticulture grit or fine gravel on top
5.	Order spring bedding plants	

