

# Lawrence County Horticultural Update

## LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, START YOUR TRANSPLANTS!

February is the month to start seeding transplants. That's right, gardening season is officially in sight!

### Tasks:

1. Feb 5th-begin seeding cold season transplants
2. Feb 12th-begin seeding warm season transplants
3. Feb 19th-direct seed peas, mustard, kale and collards
4. Feb 21st-prune blueberries, caneberries, and fruit trees
5. Throughout February:
  - a. consider applying dormant oil sprays to fruit trees to combat scale and other pests
  - b. Prepare garden soil if it is dry enough



## WHAT'S IN THIS MONTH'S ISSUE:

- February gardening tasks from the Tennessee Home Fruit and Vegetable Garden Calendar of 2025
- February tasks from the 2025 Lawn Maintenance Calendar



## FEBRUARY TASKS FROM THE LAWN MAINTENANCE CALENDAR

### All Grass Types:

- Select/acquire preemergence (PRE) herbicide to control summer weeds, particularly crabgrass.
  - Look for herbicides that include active ingredients such as dithiopyr, pendimethalin, or prodiamine.
- Have soil tested to determine nutrient needs and build fertilizer program.
  - Visit [soillab.tennessee.edu](http://soillab.tennessee.edu)
  - Select/acquire fertilizer needed based on soil test results
- Have your mower serviced for the coming season, particularly blades (or reels and bedknives) sharpened and oil changed.

# Resources & Announcement

CHECK OUT THESE GREAT EXTENSION RESOURCES TO HELP WITH THE FEBRUARY FRUIT AND VEGETABLE TASKS:

## PLANT AND SEED SELECTION:

[Tennessee Home Garden Variety Trials 2022 Results](#)

[tiny.utk.edu/FruitSupplierList](http://tiny.utk.edu/FruitSupplierList)

[Small Fruit in the Home Garden - Virginia Cooperative Extension](#)

## STARTING SEED TRANSPLANTS:

[UMN Extension Basics of Starting Seeds Video](#)

[UGA Starting Plants From Seed for the Home Gardener](#)

[PennState How to Read a Seed Packet](#)

[UMN Grow Light Selection](#)

## PRUNING RESOURCES:

### BLUEBERRIES:

[University of Maine - How to Prune a Blueberry Bush](#)

[Volunteer Garden - Pruning Young Blueberry Shrubs](#)

### CANE BERRIES

[UT Extension Publication SP 284-G Pruning and Training Caneberries](#)

### FRUIT TREES

[UT Extension Publication SP307-K Pruning Neglected Fruit Trees](#)



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