

## Gardening by the Moon

February 2023 Newsletter



The only good ice in Texas is a cup of iced tea. And once again, we are reminded that winter isn't over as we begin to thaw. But spring will be here soon, so remain diligent with this crazy Texas weather and take action to keep your landscape looking good!

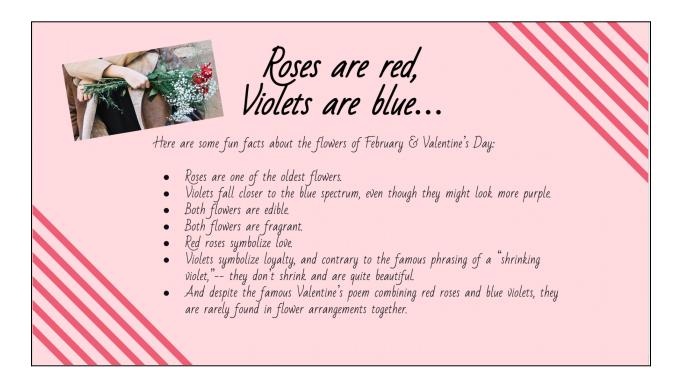
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			Set irrigation timer to 01 run once every 2-weeks, however if it has been wet leave the controller off.	02	03	04 Reminder: cut dead tissue out of trees & plants*
Mow turf short and 05 dethatch (if needed) *see Give your Turf a Haircut below	06	07	08	09	10	11 Aerate turf
12	13	VALENTINE'S DAY- <sup>14</sup> gift a beautiful flower bouquet to your loved ones	15	16	17	18 Apply pre-emergent
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Fertilize trees
26	27	LOOK AHEAD- <sup>28</sup> Begin planning spring color				

## February 2023 Landscaping Planner

Date	Tasks				
Feb. 1st	Set irrigation timer to run once every two weeks this month. However, with all the rain and freezing temperatures, you want to leave the controller off during these times.				
Feb. 4th	Refer to January 2023 Gardening by the Moon Newsletter for reminders on how and when to cut dead tissue out of trees and plants.				
Feb. 5th	Mow your turf short and dethatch (if needed). See <i>Give your Turf a Haircut</i> below.				
Feb. 11th	Aerate turf before application of pre-emergent and fertilizer.				
Feb. 14th	Celebrate Valentine's Day with a beautiful flower bouquet.				
Feb. 18th	Apply pre-emergent weed control. Follow the label directions for how much to apply.				
Feb. 25th	Fertilize trees this month with ¼ to ½ pounds of turf fertilizer per inch of tree trunk diameter. Spread the fertilizer evenly from the trunk past the tree's drip line. The rest of your landscape fertilizing will take place in March.				
Feb. 28th	Now is when you get to start planning your spring color for those warmer temps. Plan for which colors and where you want your new plantings around the home. Consider how much sun and shade the flowers will get to pick the right color for the best places in your yard. ANNUAL COLOR - SUN Tinnia				

## Give your Turf a Haircut By Dr. Moon

To prepare your turf for pre-emergent and fertilizer, cut your grass shorter now. Reduce the mowing height, so the dormant turf is cut short, encouraging the grass to green up quicker in the spring. If you have a thick thatch layer on the soil surface, rent a verticut machine or hire someone that does this work to help remove this excess thatch layer. This will make your turf healthier. Aerate and apply a pre-emergent weed control after dethatching. Fertilize your turf in March. You will see healthy, vigorous turf all summer.



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