

What to Do in Your Colorado Garden

January Gardening Action

- Late January, start germinating violas and pansies indoors for early spring planting
- Late January, germinate perennial and wildflower seeds indoors for transplanting outdoors in May.
- Fertilize houseplants once a month or as directed on the fertilizer label. Remember that all our **Houseplants and Ceramic Pots are 33% OFF throughout January**, and we will report your plants for FREE when you purchase a pot and plant from us!
- Deep water all outdoor plants every 3 – 4 weeks when the ground is not frozen to help the plants survive our dry warm winters. This can be done on a nice sunny day using a soil needle or soaker hose.
- Keep the bird feeder full.
- Visit each of Tagawa Gardens Department's **Grey Kitty® Klearance Korners**, where you can save up to 75% on holiday items, discontinued & overstocks of garden products, etc.
- Visit our **Houseplant Dept. Inventory-Reduction Area, where you'll find up to 75% OFF** good, healthy plants that have just been with us too long ☺

February Gardening Action

- Plant tuberous begonias indoors now.
- Mid-February; Start kohlrabi, kale & cabbage from seed indoors.
- Late- February; Start broccoli, brussel sprouts, cauliflower, parsley, collards, onion seeds, lobelia, ageratum, verbena & double petunias from seed indoors.
- Plant pansy plants as early as late February if the weather is nice. Be sure to harden them off by slowly introducing them to the outdoors by putting them out during the day to get used to the sun and cooler temperatures.
- Fertilize houseplants once a month or as directed on the fertilizer label.
- When seeds have germinated, place in bright light or under a grow light to prevent them from getting too leggy .
- When seedlings have developed their first two true leaves, thin to one plant per container. Use tweezers to pinch off unwanted seedlings to avoid disturbing the desired seedlings.
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- Continue to feed the birds.

March Gardening Action

- Mid-March; Plant INDOORS – leeks and onions (from seed), celery, carrots, garlic, Chinese cabbage, tomatoes, endive, dill, Lemon balm, and thyme. Also start salvia, annual phlox, Sweet William, alyssum, lobelia, strawflowers, Iceland poppies, annual periwinkle, impatiens, celosia, coleus, snapdragons, fibrous begonias, gaillardia, nicotiana, pansies, portulaca, and petunias.
- Late-March; Plant INDOORS – lettuce, Swiss chard, turnips, and sage. Also start annuals such as zinnias, dahlias and marigolds from seed. Start tuberous begonias, dahlias, callas and caladiums in 8” pots INDOORS.
- Late-March; OUTDOORS – Plant bare-root strawberries, pea seeds, potatoes and onion sets.
- Plant tomato plants only if using a ‘wall o water’ for protection from the freezes.
- Fertilize houseplants once a month or as directed on the fertilizer label.
- Spray with dormant oil spray before mid-March to control scale. Also apply borer control if there is evidence of borers.
- Prune plants at this time. Prune out dead wood and to shape and renew the plant. DO NOT PRUNE plants that flower in the spring (lilacs, forsythia, etc) since you will be cutting off the blooms.
- Cut back late summer flowering plants such as Russian Sage, Blue Mist Spirea and Butterfly Bush to encourage new lush growth. These plants bloom on this year's growth so you are doing them a favor by encouraging new growth.
- Remove all tree wrap mid to end of March. This prevents the harboring of insects and disease.
- Remove mulch from strawberries as soon as new shoots appear. Thin to 9” apart. Do not use high nitrogen fertilizer on strawberries as this will result in soft berries.
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- Feed the birds – March is Denver's snowiest month, covering up their food source.



The forecast is for another dry year so, let's marshal all our **water- saving tools**: use **more drought tolerant plants and reduce the size of our lawns**. Ground covers i.e., **Ice plant** (Pink or Yellow), **Snow in Summer**, **Sedums** (Showy Stonecrop) **Hen and Chicks** and **Woolly Thyme** are easy to grow and are good choice for difficult, sunny sites. **Woolly Thyme** takes the most foot traffic. **Blue Woolly Speedwell** (attractive throughout the year) spreads freely, is dense enough to discourage weeds and may repeat a bloom. **Blue Fescue** is a short, non-invasive grass that is easily included in the landscape and is especially attractive planted in geometric patterns. These alternatives to a large expanse of lawn make good water sense.

Drought tolerant perennials, planted in drifts, are very dramatic! **Jupiter's beard**, **Hyssops** and **Blanket flowers** show fantastic color; tend to be **deer-resistant**, **re-bloom** and **attract butterflies & humming-birds**. Your **dajillies** and roses may be particularly appealing to deer. **Society or culinary garlic**, planted randomly near these plants, will discourage deer from browsing. When deer are especially thin & hungry and continually browse your gardens, repellents such as **Bobbex®** and **Deer Off Liquid Fence®** are very useful.

Established Ponderosa, Pinyon Pines & Junipers seem to tolerate semi-dry conditions. Mulch made of bark or wood chips, helps with controlling weeds, maintaining soil moisture and gives the border a finished look. Mother Nature doesn't tolerate any bare ground! Knowing her weeds will thrive in the harshest of conditions, she puts them everywhere!

When a drastic change in the landscape isn't feasible, there are good options available. Overhead watering is both inefficient and wasteful. A **drip system** or **soaker hose** is much more efficient, especially if a timer is added. Plant your pots and containers and display them with empty pots too! Large ceramic ones are great for decorating.

Edibles: There are **miniature fruit trees** that can be planted in a 18 to 24 inch container; place them on a dolly so they can be moved easily. Most need protection in the winter. **Colonnade fruit trees** can be planted along a wall or fence. There is no limit to the variety of vegetables that can be planted in containers! **Tomatoes, Peppers** (sweet & hot) and even **eggplants** do well. Use a long, deep rectangular container for root vegetables, leafy

veggies, beans and peas. January and February is a good time to plan for what and where plants will be planted or moved. Some sheets of graph paper, pencil and eraser (preferably large) or a computer is all that is needed.

Check trees and shrubs for scale. Willows and Aspen are most often attacked by **Oyster Shell Scale** which is easy to see and easy to control. Use a plastic pot scrubber and gently remove them being careful not to injure the bark. Apply **Neem®** or All Seasons® Oil which works by suffocating the scale. Mealybugs are a scale that looks like tiny wisps of cotton. These and many eggs from other insects can be controlled with these oil products.

January and February is the time to address Fire Blight from apple, pear and other susceptible trees and shrubs by pruning out the diseased branches. Cut 6” below the infected portion, sterilizing your tools using 10% bleach or alcohol after each cut. The only way to effectively control Fire Blight is to apply **Fertiome® Fire Blight** Spray when the flowers are just opening in spring, before the warm days signal the bees to start buzzing.

March is a good time to use a pre-emergent herbicide such as **GreenLight® Portrait** to control annual weed problems. Spread the granules over the soil, water it in without breaking the surface of the soil.

During the winter, remember to water all your outdoor plants, lawn and trees once a month. And please keep feeding our feather friends! Tagawa has a

great selection of bird seeds, even gourmet tail low with fruit & nuts! Right next door, **Grey Kitty® & PET** has premium dog & cat foods for even the fussiest of eaters! Dreams for your garden next season are made on those snowy, cold days as you cuddle up in a comfy chair and peruse your favorite garden books, seed catalogs, journals & websites.

Winter, Early Spring 2011
Sun. Jan. 2- Sun. Feb. 27
 Mon. - Fri. 10-5
 Sat. 9-5
Mon., Feb. 28 -Sun., Apr.3
 Mon. - Fri. 9:30-5:30
 Sat. 9-5
 Sun. 10-5
Mon., Apr. 4-Sun., July 3
 Mon. - Fri. 9-7
 Sat. 8-7
 Sun. 9-5
Easter Sun., Apr. 24, 12-5

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January, February, March 2011

January Tropical Plant & Pot Sale! 33% OFF all houseplants and ceramic pots in stock throughout the month of January! Plus, if you purchase the plant & the pot from us, we will re-pot the plant for free! See TagawaGardens.com 'Weekly Specials' page for details!

Xeriscape™ Series
 " Xeriscape™" refers to a combination of seven common-sense gardening principles that save water while creating a lush and colorful landscape. Craig Miller, Water Conservation Specialist for the Parker Water & Sanitation District, presents all seven Xeriscape™ principles in a series of six classes in late winter/early spring at Tagawa Gardens! See page 2 or TagawaGardens.com for details!

Garden Outreach and Luan's Garden Blog
 Now is the time to book garden seminars for your garden club, community group or school classroom! Garden Ambassador Luan Akin can provide classes here or at your location*—plus, your garden club or group can sell Tagawa Gift Cards as a fundraiser! Tours of Tagawa Gardens for schools by Grandma Mimi are also available through our Outreach Program! For details visit our Outreach page at TagawaGardens.com or call Michelle at 303-690-4722 ext. 107! (*Fees may apply for offsite events.) Watch for Luan's Blog at TagawaGardens.com—look for her photo on the home page for the link!

Jan. 22 & Jan.23: Fairy Garden Focus Weekend, Create your own personal Fairy Worlds and spend time together! Potions, plants, pots and perhaps a chance to build memories and a garden!

Jan 29 & Feb 19: Introduction to Organic Indoor Gardening. Turn the smallest table space or make that extra room into a garden that produces your own veggies & herbs! Discover new methods of controlling your indoor garden environment for great results! See TagawaGardens.com 'Events' page for details.

Feb. 26 & 27: Bird & Nature Festival Classes, Fun & Educational Activities for the Entire Family; information booths by wildlife groups, family activities, a Birds of Prey presentation. See TagawaGardens.com 'Events' page for details.

Sat. & Sun. Mar. 12 & 13: Rocky Mountain African Violet Society Annual Show & Sale Come see beautiful African Violets on display, and also available for purchase! Learn how to grow these wonderful plants. All proceeds from this show & sale benefit the Society as a fundraiser. See TagawaGardens.com for details.

Spring Fundraising Products from Tagawa Gardens!
 Your non-profit group can raise funds by selling Tagawa Gardens gift cards or participate in the super easy, Su-purr-b Give Back Program! Fundraising Chairs of local non-profits can register with our fundraising Dept. Supporters of each registered group receive cards (first 500 are free) with their group's account number. Supporters shop at our store during specific dates, presenting their card with each purchase during the shopping period. Each non-profit group receives a rebate back equal to 10 to 25% of the purchases made by their supporters- percentage depends upon the total spent by the group. Details are on TagawaGardens.com Fundraising page or contact Keith at 303-690-4722 ext 112 or Keith@TagawaGardens.com

Garden Plastics Recycling...Continues! Bring us your empty plastic garden pots, packs and trays and we will collect them for recycling. See TagawaGardens.com Community page for details.)

We Are Earth & Paw Friendly! Our buyers search for products that are made from recycled materials and are safe for the environment. We have stocked our shelves with organically based pest control solutions that actually smell good! Our 'GROW' section has soils for your containerized vegetables & inside herbs. A variety of organic fertilizers (that are easy on the nose) and beneficial insects like Ladybugs (by the thousands) will be carried also.

Look for Our New Facebook Page Thank you to all of our 688 fans who currently follow us and welcome to new fans! We've outgrown our location and will be moving to another page this coming spring/summer. We apologize for any inconvenience and as an incentive to re-join our new page, there will be a drawing for a \$100 Tagawa Gift Card!

Our Visitors Make our Best Employees! We have **many wonderful seasonal opportunities for employment** during our busy spring season. We offer rewarding work in a **beautiful environment with friendly co-workers, a family atmosphere and a generous employee discount.** Gardening experience is helpful, some weekend and overtime required. We invite you to **pick up an application at our Customer Service Dept. or download one at TagawaGardens.com**—click on the link at the top of our homepage. We are unable to accept completed applications via e-mail. Resumes are not necessary and not accepted in lieu of our applications. **Questions? Please call Michelle in HR at 303-690-4722, Ext. 107, Mon-Fri 10-4.**

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