

# FORESTRY RESOURCES

## LANDSCAPING GUIDE

INFO FOR BOTH THE PROFESSIONAL AND "WEEKEND WARRIOR"  
LANDSCAPERS

# FEBRUARY 2012

## FEBRUARY LANDSCAPE "TO DO" LIST

**NEW!!!!** FOR A DETAILED LIST OF WHAT TO PLANT  
IN FEBRUARY AND TERRIFIC LANDSCAPING TIPS -  
CLICK ON THE LINK BELOW FROM THE UNIVERSITY  
OF FLORIDA:

[http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/lawn\\_and\\_garden/calendar/pdfs/february\\_South.pdf](http://solutionsforyourlife.ufl.edu/lawn_and_garden/calendar/pdfs/february_South.pdf)

## FEBRUARY IN THE SOUTHWEST FLORIDA LANDSCAPE

- ONCE A WEEK OR LESS IS ADEQUATE FOR WATERING AT THIS TIME OF YEAR
- APPLY PRE-EMERGENT HERBICIDES TO PREVENT CRABGRASS FROM GERMINATING IN FEBRUARY

- SPOT WEED CONTROL LAWN AREAS WHERE NECESSARY TO KILL ANY EXISTING CRABGRASS SPRIGS BEFORE APPLYING THE PRE-EMERGENT
- GREEN UP BADLY YELLOWING LAWNS WITH AN IRON APPLICATION OR A LIGHT FEEDING OF A LOW PHOSPHORUS LAWN FERTILIZER
- RAKE BROWN, DEAD GRASS BLADES FROM YOUR LAWN
- FERTILIZE ALL FRUIT PRODUCING TREES, SHRUBS AND VINES
- EDGE BEDS THAT HAVE BECOME OVERGROWN
- BEST VEGETABLES TO PLANT ARE: BEETS, BROCCOLI, BRUSSEL SPROUTS, CABBAGE, CANTALOUPE, CARROTS, CAULIFLOWER, COLLARDS, CUCUMBERS, LETTUCE, MUSTARD, ONIONS, PEAS, RADISHES, SPINACH, SWISS CHARD, TURNIPS AND WATERMELON
- BEST HERBS TO PLANT ARE: ANISE, ARUGALA, BASIL, BAY, CILANTRO, CORIANDER, DILL, FENNEL, LAVENDAR, MINT, OREGANO, PARSLEY, ROSEMARY, SAGE, THYME (OR IF YOU ARE A FAN OF THE SIXTIES THEY SHOULD BE PLANTED IN THIS ORDER - PARSLEY, SAGE, ROSEMARY AND THYME)
- BEST FLOWERS TO PLANT ARE: BEGONIAS, BUSH DAISIES, CALENDULA, CARNATIONS, DIANTHUS, DUSTY MILLER, GERANIUMS, LOBELIA, ORNAMENTAL CABBAGE AND KALE, PANSIES, PETUNIAS, SALVIA, SHASTA DAISIES, SNAPDRAGONS, STOCK, SWEET PEA, VERBENA AND VIOLAS
- CREPE MYRTLES CAN NOW BE PRUNED. REMOVE ONLY THE SEED HEADS AND SMALL TWIGS
- PRUNE ORNAMENTAL GRASSES TO WITHIN A FOOT OF THE GROUND
- START TO PRUNE HARDY TREES SHRUBS AND VINES
- REPLANT HARD TO GROW GRASS AREAS WITH LOW GROWING GROUND COVERS
- RENEW MULCHED AREAS WITH FRESH MULCH TO CONSERVE WATER AND CONTROL WEEDS
- HAVE FROST CLOTH ON HAND TO BE READY FOR ANY LATE SEASON COLD WAVE THAT COULD DEVASTATE ANNUALS

# **FORESTRY RESOURCES HAS TOP QUALITY SOD AND GRASS PLUGS AVAILABLE!**

**CONTACT YOUR NEAREST FORESTRY LOCATION FOR  
VARIETIES AND PRICING**

CHECK OUT THIS EXCELLENT VIDEO ON INSTALLING SOD

Planting a new lawn with sod is the fastest way to establish a lawn. In this Your Florida Lawn video, UF/IFAS Turf Specialist Dr. Laurie Trenholm demonstrates helpful, science-based techniques on establishing a successful St. Augustine lawn.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWhb4-WcZ5I>

## **MULCH ADVISOR**

Replenish mulches to stretch the times between waterings.

The rule of thumb when mulching is to mulch out not up. Keep at least a three to four-inch gap between the mulch and the tree's trunk and root flare. Mulching to the tree's drip line (outer edge of the canopy) is the most beneficial. This reduces competition from other plants and keeps mechanical equipment such as mowers and line trimmers from damaging the tree's bark.

Another mistake is mulching too deeply. Plants need air and water to survive. If the mulch layer is too deep, the amount of oxygen and water absorbed into the soil, and eventually the plants, may be severely decreased. Maintaining a mulched layer of two to four inches is recommended.

**Mulching is Good**

- Mulching feeds the soil and eliminates the need for supplemental fertilization.
- Incorporating mulch into compacted soils will help alleviate the compaction and make the resulting soil a more hospitable environment for plant growth.

### **Mulching Has Benefits**

- Mulch provides food for soil organisms and plants.
  - It builds soil.
  - It prevents erosion.
  - It preserves soil moisture.
- It shades plant roots and regulates soil temperature.

### **Mulching is Easy**

- Apply mulch to a maximum depth of two to four inches.
- Keep mulch at least three to four inches away from the tree's trunk and root flare.

INFORMATION ON A WIDE VARIETY OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA  
MULCHES CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<http://www.gomulch.com/index.cfm/name-sentinel>