

February To-Do List for Cameron County Yards and Gardens

Time to plant:

Flowers: petunias, ice plant, ruelia (Mexican petunia), Mexican heather, kalanchoes, geraniums, impatiens, Gerbera daisies, alyssum, salvia.

Trees: Texas ebony, anaqua, wild olive, live oak, retama, colima, brazil, western soapberry.

Shrubs: Native: Trecul's yucca, desert yaupon, coral bean, hachinal, black brush, cenizo, chilipiquin, Texas lantana, oregano.

Non-native well adapted to South Texas: Cape honeysuckle, fire cracker, Mexican firebush (Hamelia) salvias, hibiscus, bougainvillea, gardenia, oleander.

Vegetables: broccoli, carrots, melons (cantaloupe and honeydew), peppers (sweet), squash, tomatoes, watermelons.

Herbs: anise, basil, catnip, garlic, mints, parsley (curly and Italian), rue, thyme.

Remember:

- Possible harvest of some cool season vegetables.
- Don't put away your freeze protection materials just yet, wait another month.
- Plant roses this month.
- Feed your roses with a systemic insecticide and rose food.
- Acid fertilizer should be applied to acid loving plants.
- Prepare soil for vegetable and flower gardens.
- Use mulch to cover the soil after planting trees, shrubs and bedding plants.