

FEBRUARY GARDEN JOBS

- ◇ Deadhead azaleas and camellias. Clean up around base of plants.
- ◇ Time to finish pruning all your roses.
- ◇ Apply dormant spray to fruit trees before bud swell.
- ◇ Fertilize fruit trees 2 to 3 weeks before flowers open using a fertilizer labeled specifically for fruit trees.
- ◇ Feed mature trees and shrubs as spring growth appears.
- ◇ Check for aphids on all new growth. Knock them off with a strong spray of water or apply insecticidal soap.
- ◇ Spray apricot trees with copper to prevent brown rot. Spray 3 times: at bud swell, full bloom, and petal fall.
- ◇ Fertilize strawberries and asparagus.
- ◇ Feed spring blooming plants and established perennials.
- ◇ Check garden for fungus and spray with sulfur or copper if needed.
- ◇ Apply a 3 to 4 inch layer of mulch to the garden, keeping the material at least 2 inches from all stem bases.
- ◇ Watch for slugs and snails. Handpick or use Sluggo to eradicate these pests with no risk to your pets or the environment.
- ◇ Prune out any dead or diseased wood in trees and shrubs.