



## Basic Gardening Tips

### February

- ❖ Open those garden catalogs, plan your spring gardens, inventory, and order your seeds.
- ❖ Check on any stored plant roots or corms, such as dahlias, tuberous begonias, cannas, or gladiolas, for mold, shriveling, or decay. Throw out any that are damaged.
- ❖ Bring geraniums out of storage; cut them back by half, plant them in a pot, water well, and set them in a bright, cool window.
- ❖ Clean, sharpen, and oil your gardening tools.
- ❖ Feed the birds.
- ❖ Maintain heated water features and bird- baths.
- ❖ Repot houseplants if they are root bound.
- ❖ Fertilize houseplants when new growth starts.
- ❖ Prune storm-damaged branches promptly from trees and shrubs to prevent tearing the bark and other damage.
- ❖ Buy some indoor plants to help clean the air in your home.

