



in the  
**Garden**

**FEBRUARY  
EDITION**

**GARDENING**

- Spray trees and shrubs with a horticultural oil to control mites and scale.
- Water if we have a dry period. Plants and pots still need moisture, even if it is cold.
- Attend to flower beds and plants affected by 'frost heave,' or uprooting due to freezing weather.
- Check shrubs and trees for damage from both weather and animals. Use I Must Garden brand all natural animal repellents.
- Replace mulch now before plants begin to appear.
- Harvest winter crops.
- Start seeds for cool season vegetables and flowers.
- Prepare beds for annuals and vegetables by adding compost.
- Organize and update garden tools as needed.
- Fertilize daffodils with a bulb fertilizer, like Espoma Bulb Tone
- Fertilize pansies for longer, bigger blooms.
- Plant Trees. Now is a great time to plant while the trees are dormant.
- Begin dividing perennials.
- Watch out for cold snaps! The last frost for the Cary-Apex area is often mid-April!

**LAWN CARE**

- Fescue Lawns (cool season grasses): Apply pre-emergent weed control with fertilizer mid month. Consider spot spraying existing weeds in your lawn with a selective post emergent weed killer.
- Centipede, Bermuda, etc... (warm season grasses): Apply pre- and post-emergent, but WAIT to fertilize your lawn until May.