

Oh, What to Do?

If you're anything like us, the itch to get out into the garden has started. Even though you can't dig outdoors, you can get out and prune, start seeds and inventory your supplies and pots.

Pruning

The late dormant season is best for most pruning. From now until late dormancy, get out and prune for better flower and fruit production, to renew ratty old shrubs and to clean up damage and low limbs.

Pruning in late winter, leaves fresh wounds exposed for a short time before new growth seals wounds. Another advantage of dormant pruning is that it's easier to make pruning decisions without leaves in the way. There are exceptions to this rule and there's plenty more to say about pruning. For more information on tools, tips and technique click the link to the University of Minnesota Extension's ideas

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/distribution/horticulture/DG0628.html>

Also, call on us any time for helpful hints and tips.

Seed Starting

All of our seed lines are on display now and this is a good time to get some seeds going such as herbs and select flowers. Again, call or see us or check Extension for tips and techniques.

Taking Stock

As you prepare to start seeds and to think about the season ahead, remember it's important to plant health to start with sterile pots and clean, sharp tools. Conserve time and money by finding out what's on hand at home first.

Cheat the Calendar – Garden in March!

Make a date now to attend our Make & Take workshop. Come dig in the dirt in our greenhouse while learning lots about annuals and planting your own custom planter.