

Timely Turf Tips

February 2015

February is a month of change at the mill. If you stop in and the place looks a little empty, it's because we are moving to the new store located in the remodeled lawnmower shop. We anticipate the move to be completed by February 23. Please check our Facebook page for updates.

February : Time for planning, preparing and some cleaning

- Clean your indoor plants with a warm water shower or dusting. They will benefit from the effort with a greater ability to gather sunlight. Support the leaves from underneath when wiping to prevent damage. Large plants can go right in the shower for a five minute lukewarm rinse. Water on hairy-leaf plants like African violets can cause spotting so dust them with a small paintbrush instead. No fertilizer until they are actively growing; wait until spring and summer for this step.
- Plan for next summer's flower and garden needs. If you start plants, assemble the equipment needed: pots, trays, fluorescent lights that can be adjusted for height, timer for lights, and a heating device to put under the containers of germinating seeds. Check out this article, *10 Tips to Successful Seed Starting* at <http://www3.extension.umn.edu/county/douglas/county-horticulture-educator/article/10-tips-successful-seed-starting>.
- Make sure your favorite pepper and tomato plants will be available this spring. Call 651-429-3361 or email steve@hugofeedmill.com today and talk to Steve!
- Prepare your trees for next summer with dormant pruning done late February and early March, except spring blooming trees and shrubs. The University of Minnesota Extension states, "The late dormant season is the best for most pruning." Pruning at this time of year has many benefits including easier ability to see problem branches when leaves are gone and less disease spreading concerns. It's best to start pruning trees when they are young to develop a strong leader and remove problematic branches before they become too large. For more information about pruning trees and shrubs see these links from the U of M Extension and MN DNR:
<http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/trees-shrubs/pruning-trees-shrubs>
<http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/fid/october98/10019808.html>



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