

Ask an Expert – February Pre-gardening Checklist

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Much can be done now to get a jump start on the growing season. The below tips, with links from the Utah State University Extension Gardeners Almanac, can help get you going.

* Consider adding a smaller [structure](#), such as a low tunnel or a larger high tunnel, to [extend your growing season](#).

* Try your hand at [starting vegetables](#) or annual plants indoors from seed to get a jump start on growing.

* Consider growing herbs and/or microgreens indoors to add fresh greens to your diet.

* If you are storing bulbs, check their condition to make sure they are still firm. Remove any that are soft or rotten.

* [Prune grapes and fruit trees](#) in late February to early March.

* [Fertilize fruit trees](#) at least 6 weeks before they bloom.

* Monitor for [deer](#) and [rodent](#) damage in the landscape.

* Avoid [fungus gnat](#) infestation in house plants by allowing the soil to dry between watering

* Specific gardening information can be found at garden.usu.edu. Here you will find fruit, vegetable, and herb growing guides, as well as information on soil, lawn, yard, tree, shrub, and flower care. In addition, you will find monthly tips, the basics of gardening, information on events, classes, and more. Use promo code GARDEN25 for 25% off yard and garden courses.

* [Click here](#) to see the video of February gardening tips.

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