

February 2021 Garden Tips

The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month, taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or to get your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$1 contribution to Master Gardeners, call 519-599-5846.

Things to do for - or in your garden in – February 2021

- Now there is lots of snow cover. But if we get a February Freeze/Thaw, mound up all the available snow and any new snow that falls, around tender plants like roses. If you have a few bows left from your Christmas tree, put them over tender plants to catch the snow. It is the freeze/thaw that kills plants, not just the cold.
- Start planning your garden projects for 2019. Make a list for the Spring, then you will know what you didn't get done when you check it in June. I have mine done and I am tired already. A garden is never finished!
- Start propagating stem cuttings of geraniums, fuchsias, etc. by the end of the month.
- Plant slow germinating seeds inside, like impatiens, peppers, eggplants, etc.
- As the weather warms, you can start pruning shade trees, fruit trees and shrubs, if you can get to them through the snow. Leave trees that "bleed" like maples and birch until after they have leaves.
- Visit local nursery greenhouses to smell the coming spring. Stop by the Garden Gallery just west of Barrie on Hwy 91 on the way to Angus to just inhale the SPRING.
- You can forget about the big garden shows like Canada Blooms and the Peterborough Garden show this spring, they have all been cancelled. Think Spring 2022.