

Timely Turf Tips

February 2016

Preparation is important for success with a garden or landscape. February is a month that allows a gardener to take some time to lay the groundwork for attaining the best from a garden or yard. Settle into a favorite chair with a good garden book, look through those seed catalogs for new plant ideas to grow, and search the internet for events that could expand your knowledge. The Minnesota State Horticultural Society publishes the website *Northern Gardener*; as a source for resources, ideas, and inspiration. Check out their Events calendar at <http://northerngardener.org/calendar/calendar-of-events> for upcoming learning opportunities.

A little pruning now could lead to better trees

Prepare your trees for next summer with dormant pruning done late February and early March. 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 this link from the U of M Extension and a news release from the MN Department of Natural Resources.

<http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/trees-shrubs/pruning-trees-shrubs>
<http://news.dnr.state.mn.us/2016/01/04/winter-is-a-great-time-to-prune-trees/>

Use the link to the “tree care page” within the news release for even more information on tree planting and care.



Get ready, get set, sow, or let Steve know

- Now is the time to start thinking about 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 University of Minnesota Extension article, *Starting Seeds Indoors* at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/yard-garden/flowers/starting-seeds-indoors/> for information on the topic. Another source could be the Washington County Horticultural Society – Winter Seed Sowing Workshop held mid-month. Get more information on the date and time from the link to the Minnesota State Horticultural Society Calendar of Events listed above.
- Make sure your favorite pepper and tomato plants will be available this spring. Call 651-429-3361 today and talk to Steve or email him at steve@hugofeedmill.com.

Get something special for your pets this Valentine’s Day.
Treat them and save by using the coupons below.

Previous issues of Timely Turf Tips newsletters are available at our website: www.hugofeedmill.com

20% Off

The German Horse Muffins

(\$5.00 maximum value)

1 coupon per customer. Expires 2/29/16

Hugo Feed Mill & Hardware

5582 146th St. N. Hugo, MN 55038 651-429-3361

20% Off

Dog & Cat Treats and Toys

(\$5.00 maximum value)

1 coupon per customer. Expires 2/29/16

Hugo Feed Mill & Hardware

5582 146th St. N. Hugo, MN 55038 651-429-3361