

Timely Turf Tips

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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 site at <http://northerngardener.org> for upcoming learning opportunities.

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

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. For more information check out this article, *Starting Seeds Indoors*, at <http://www.extension.umn.edu/planting-and-growing-guides/starting-seeds-indoors/>

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.

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 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/treecare/caring-pruning.html> (Scroll down to the Prune your tree section.)



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