

Things to do in January

Plant Care

- Dig beds for spring planting and mix in compost.
- Cut back and divide ornamental grasses and day lilies.
- Prune peach and plum trees into bowl shape so light and air can reach all branches.
- Prune deadwood, lower limbs, suckers, and crossed limbs from shade trees. Do NOT top.
- DO NOT top or hard prune crapemyrtles.
- Plant fruit and bare root nut trees, roses, asparagus and onions, ornamental cabbages, pansies, and snapdragons this month.
- Divide crowded summer and fall perennials.

Fertilize

- Fertilize cool season annuals, vegetables, and winter flowering plants with a 3:1:2 lawn fertilizer such as 15-5-10.

Pests

- Apply broadleaf weed killer to control non grassy weeds during warm periods.
- Spray dormant oil to control scale.
- Remove and destroy bagworm pouches.

Odds and Ends

- Have soil tested and amend as necessary.
- Clean flowerpots with soapy water and soak in a 5% bleach solution.
- Clean out bird feeders, houses, and baths.
- Sort chemicals and properly dispose of expired ones.