

Feb. 7: This week in the garden



Onion sets and seeds, radish seeds, peas, and rhubarb and asparagus roots may be **planted** outside now. Cabbage, collards, cauliflower, broccoli and lettuce may be started indoors for later transplanting. Ornamental trees, shrubs, roses, fruit trees, nut trees, bush and cane fruit, and such groundcovers as liriopse may be planted now.



There is still time before buds break to **spray** dormant oil. Use dormant oil on deciduous trees when temperatures are above 40 degrees. Aphids can distort or kill a new batch of seedlings in no time. Keep a vigilant eye on seedlings and take care to remove pests. Seedlings can also be sensitive to sprays. Now is a good time for rose growers to inventory their sprays, as growth may begin in March.



Fruit trees should be **pruned** now. Check trees and shrubs for winter damage, diseased wood, and crossed or rubbing branches. Prune old foliage from ornamental grasses and liriopse before new growth begins. Major renovation of broadleaf shrubs should be accomplished now. Remember, pruning rhododendrons, azaleas and other spring-blooming shrubs at this point will remove spring flowers.