



# GARDENING CHECKLIST and garden tips

## Now is the time to prepare for spring and the gardening season ahead.

Town & Country's plant doctors are available during store hours to answer your gardening questions. For accurate diagnosis, please bring in a sample (preferred) or a picture of the problem.

### **Tropicals and Houseplants**

- Now is a good time to re-pot houseplants into slightly larger pots using **Town & Country Professional Potting Mix**.
- Houseplants sense spring in late February as the days lengthen. Begin feeding with **Bonide Houseplant Food** to encourage healthy new growth.
- Add orchids, African violets, bromeliads and other flowering plants to bring color indoors.

### Indoor Seed & Bulb Starting

- Start flower and vegetable seeds indoors. Ask for a copy of our *Seed Starting Guide* for recommended indoor sowing dates and tips for success. (Also available on our website.)
- Start the following seeds indoors: perennials, geraniums, snapdragons, petunias, peppers, celery, onions, and most herbs.
- Use grow lights to encourage healthy growth of seedlings and other indoor plants.
- Begin fertilizing seedlings with Fertilome Water Soluble Plant Food 20-20-20.
- Apply Hi-Yield Captan to seedlings as first true leaves develop to prevent damp off disease.
- Mark your seedlings with wood or plastic labels to identify varieties and planting dates

### **Birds and Wildlife**

- Feed birds with suet, black oil sunflower, and high quality wild bird seed.
- Provide a water source such as a heated bird bath.

### **Vegetables**

- Create a plan for your vegetable and flower gardens.
- Purchase Crook's Garden Seed as it becomes available later in the month.

### <u>General</u>

- Attend gardening seminars at Town and Country Gardens. Check our website for our seminar schedule.
- Clean, oil and sharpen garden tools and pruners.

Always read and follow label directions when using any garden chemical or fertilizer.

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