February To-Do List for
Cameron County Yards and Gardens

Time to plant:

Flowers:  petunias, ice plant, ruelia (Mexican petunia), Mexican heather, kalanchoes, geraniums, impatiens, Gerbera daisies, alyssum, salvia.

Trees:  Texas ebony, anaqua, wild olive, live oak, retama, colima, brazil, western soapberry.

Shrubs:  Native: Trecul's yucca, desert yaupon, coral bean, hachinal, black brush, cenizo, chilipiquin, Texas lantana, oregano.

Non-native well adapted to South Texas: Cape honeysuckle, fire cracker, Mexican firebush (Hamelia) salvias, hibiscus, bougainvillea, gardenia, oleander.

Vegetables:  broccoli, carrots, melons (cantaloupe and honeydew), peppers (sweet), squash, tomatoes, watermelons.

Herbs:  anise, basil, catnip, garlic, mints, parsley (curly and Italian), rue, thyme.

Remember:

- Possible harvest of some cool season vegetables.

- Don’t put away your freeze protection materials just yet, wait another month.

- Plant roses this month.

- Feed your roses with a systemic insecticide and rose food.

- Acid fertilizer should be applied to acid loving plants.

- Prepare soil for vegetable and flower gardens.

- Use mulch to cover the soil after planting trees, shrubs and bedding plants.