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## February - Monthly Newsletter

# Green Goods Wholesale Nursery

Go Green, Feel Good!



Florida Sunshine Anise

## February To Do List:

### Trees & Shrubs:

- Inspect for damaged and diseased wood
- Prune as needed, especially removing suckers. (Pruning in late winter promotes healthier growth in spring).

### Weeds:

- Pull and remove weeds early, before they fully root
- Begin to apply your pre-emergent herbicides mid-February

### Fertilize:

- Fertilize Citrus trees and other early bloomers to support new growth
- Avoid over fertilizing plants that are still dormant



## Know Your Zone

Grow zones help determine which plants will thrive based on average winter temperatures, with Zone 1 being the coldest, and Zone 13 being the warmest.

- ❖ Zone 9A – 8B Hardeeville
- ❖ Zone 9A – 9B Hilton Head Island

These zones tend to have milder winters, giving you the ability for a head start compared to other colder regions. From December 1<sup>st</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>, the average daytime high stays below 65°F, with January and February being the coldest months. While growth is slow, February is the best time to prepare for the busy spring season ahead.

## Pick Up the Pace

January and February are not necessarily months where you are able to enjoy the fruits of your labor, but days are getting longer, it's easy for garden tasks to pile up quickly if ignored. Taking care of prep work will prevent you from getting overwhelmed later and sets your plants up for success.

Now is the time to focus on:

▪ <b>GARDEN PREP</b>	▪ <b>SOIL HEALTH</b>
▪ <b>MAINTENANCE</b>	▪ <b>EARLY PLANTING</b>

Pruning during the fall and winter season may sound weird, but it's one of the best things you can do for many trees and shrubs. Pruning before active growth encourages healthier structure, improves airflow, and promotes better growth, flowering, or fruiting.

## Nematodes & What You Should Know:

### The Good:

Nematodes are microscopic, free-living worm like organisms that play a vital role in the soil food web. Many species help decompose organic matter and recycle nutrients back into the soil. Healthy soils with compost and mulch improve soil resistance to harmful nematodes.

### The Bad:

Some nematodes are plant parasites, including:

- Sting
- Stubby Root
- Root Knot Nematodes

Root Knot Nematodes are *especially* destructive; they are known to affect:

- Ornamentals
- Vegetables
- Turf grass
- Tropical Fruit

Once inside the root, these nematodes inject hormones that will disrupt water and nutrient intake, often leading to plant decline, or even death.



### Defense:

- Use compost and mulch regularly
- Maintain healthy soil (Healthy soil = Stronger plants)

### The Ugly

symptoms include:

- Stunted growth
- Yellowing of leaves
- Wilting
- Thinning Foliage
- Root galls or knots



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Camellia Japonica

## What is in Bloom?

**Hollies:** Berries persist from fall through February. Reminder: Hollies *cannot* berry by themselves. Male plants provide pollen, females produce berries.

**Camellia:** Blooming until late spring, these cold hardy evergreen shrubs bloom through the coldest winters. Sasanqua bloom before Japonica.

**Ornamental Grasses:** A unique way to add texture and seasonal interest. Generally low maintenance, minimal pruning is required.

**Saucer Magnolia (Ann / Jane):** Maintaining a manageable size around 8-12', ideal for smaller landscapes needing an extra pop of color in winter.

## Friends of The Spanish Moss Trail

To give back to the community this year, Green Goods has committed to making monthly donations to deserving organizations. Each month, an employee is invited to select a nonprofit that is meaningful to them and share why it holds personal importance. For this month's donation, Joe McD. chose *Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail*

The Friends of the Spanish Moss Trail is a 10-mile greenway, founded in 2012 as a 501©3 nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the quality of life in Beaufort County, South Carolina. The organization advocates for the development, enhancements, and ongoing maintenance of the Spanish Moss Trail, and credit their continued success to community partnerships, local government involvement, and generous private supporters.

Joe has long enjoyed the Spanish Moss Trail, having raised both of his children with it as a constant part of their family life. From bike rides and walks, the trail has been a place where his family has spent meaningful time together and made memories. For Joe, the Spanish Moss Trail represents not just a valuable community asset, but a space that has helped shape his family experiences.

### More Ways to Support:

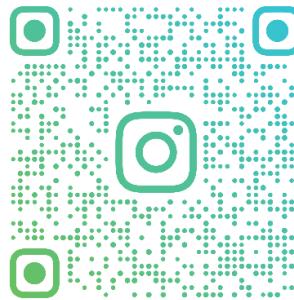
The next celebration will take place **Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am** at the **Depot Trailhead** marking the completion of two exciting new projects: the **Downtown Beaufort Connector** and the **Kids in Parks TRACK Trail**. The community is encouraged to attend, celebrate, and continue supporting the trail through participation, advocacy, and donations.



Spanish Moss Trail Beaufort

## >>> Stay Connected

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Leyland Cypress

## Saw Palmettos – The Shortage

For nearly a year now, Silver and Green Saw Palmettos have been an availability issue in our industry. The demand for them has far outpaced the supply, with Green Goods looking far and wide to source them. To curb demand, growers in Florida are now sending out significantly smaller plants than we've seen in the past for each container size.

### So, what does this mean for us?

Availability *should* start to get better as we move further into spring. Until then, expect to see smaller plants across the board compared to previous years. We have been continuing our search for new sources to ensure the highest quality for all our customers.



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### Got a Question?

If you have a question you'd like answered, feel free to send an email to: [sydni@greengoodsnursery.com](mailto:sydni@greengoodsnursery.com) for a chance to have it featured in our next newsletter!

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Foxtail Fern

Camellia Japonica

## Wildlife Watch

Including native plants in your landscape is always worth considering for a few simple factors:

- Low maintenance once established
- There are natives for nearly every adverse condition, including heat, drought, salty winds, & wet soil
- Provide food and shelter to region specific insects and wildlife

A great reminder that winter landscapes still play a vital role in local ecosystems

### Favorites include:

Carolina Jessamine, Muhly Grass, Itea Sweetspire, & Eastern Redbud

## Summary

February is all about the correct preparation. The work you complete now- pruning, soil care, planting, and weed management, will all pay off when spring growth hits with full speed.

