**February in the Garden:**

*Plant Bareroot Fruit Trees, Berries, Grapes and perennial Vegetables like Artichokes, Asparagus and Rhubarb. This is THE best time to plant trees, shrubs and vines for mouthwatering, tree ripened fruit. The best tasting fruits come from your own backyard Orchard. Even with a small yard, you can grow a bounty of delicious fruit.

*Finish pruning dormant Roses, Fruit Trees, Shade Trees, Berries and Grapes. (Do NOT prune Maples, Apricots or Cherry trees while dormant!) Be sure to make clean cuts with sharp pruners and seal all cuts with Pruning Sealer. Clean cuts seal well and keep pathogens from entering through the wound. It’s important to clean your pruning tools between plants, especially if a fungus/disease was present during the growing season.

*(Handouts with specific pruning information are available at the Nursery Office)*
*Last Dormant Spray for Fruit Trees, Berries, Grapes and deciduous shrubs, spray with Liqui-Cop and Horticultural oil to kill fungal diseases and overwintering pests. The Liqui-Cop provides 4-6 weeks of protection from Powdery Mildew, Peach leaf Curl, Rust, Shot Hole fungus, Black Spot and many more plant diseases. Horticultural Oil smothers egg cases left behind by aphids, whiteflies, spider mites and more. It’s also helpful in increasing adhesion of the Liqui-Cop. These two products can be mixed together and sprayed simultaneously. These two products should be sprayed 3-4 times through the dormant season. The first spray is timed just after leaf fall then every 4-6 weeks after that until the trees or shrubs are budded but not yet popped open. Pears and Apples are sprayed while in bloom to prevent Fireblight.

*Plant last round of cool season crops. When planted now, cool season vegetables will have time to mature before the hot days of early summer. A full list of Vegetables that can be planted is available at the Nursery Office. Also, a full line of seeds are available for purchase.
*Fertilize Citrus trees with EB Stone Organics Citrus and Fruit Tree Food. Citrus trees are heavy feeders and should be fertilized every 8 weeks, February through October. Citrus are always pushing some sort of growth. Between new foliage, flowers, fruits and ripening, these workhorses of the garden need consistent nutrition to support these growth processes.

All products are available for purchase at Gold Leaf Nursery!