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Now is the Time To...

- To prevent weeds, apply **Amaze** pre-emergent herbicide to planting beds when you see early signs of spring, such as crocus emerging or the forsythia blooming.
- Apply a lawn fertilizer with pre-emergent like **Scotts Super TurfBuilder with Halts** in late February or early March as weather permits.
- Heavy pruning of large woody plants can be done this month as weather permits. Prune large spring flowering trees and shrubs after they bloom. Check out our [pruning fact sheet](#) for specifics.
- Apply **Bonide All Seasons Horticultural & Dormant Oil** to trees and shrubs to prevent insect infestations. Spray three weeks later and before buds swell with **Monterey Liqui-Cop** to control leaf diseases such as peach leaf curl and powdery mildew.
- Most houseplants require less water and much less, if any, fertilizer, because they slow their growth during their semi-dormant winter period.
- Start seeds for spring or summer-blooming annuals, vegetables and perennials. Follow the directions on individual seed packets for requirements for bottom heat, light or darkness. Some seeds might require a short period of chilling before being sown.

[Click here for more Timely Tips!](#)

Looking for more timely tips? Watch News 4 every Friday morning at 6 a.m. for Moana Nursery's High Desert Gardening Tip of the Week!



Tips from Plant Doctor Jon

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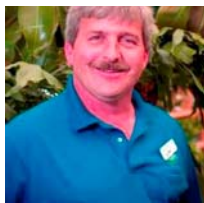
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Featured Products:



For planting success, we recommend using these three products when planting or



"Pruning Tips"

Winter is, in my mind, a resting time for plants. It is also a great time to prune your deciduous trees and shrubs because plants are still in dormancy, waiting for spring to stimulate their growth. Since your plants are in dormancy, any stress from removing a moderate number of limbs will be minimal.

With warm spring weather just around the corner, plants will soon grow and start producing callus growth around your pruning cut. If your cut is properly done, healing time will be much faster and therefore the wound will be less exposed to the possibility of disease or insect entry.

[Click here to read Jon's article.](#)



Valentine's Day is Monday, February 14
Visit The Florist at Moana Nursery & Our Sweet Shop for One-Stop Shopping at its Yummiest!

Choose from gorgeous & classic Teleflora arrangements...



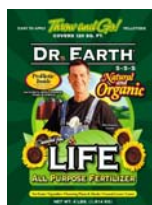
or something exotic and long-lasting!



New this year is our Sweet Shop! Choose from:

- Sweets chocolates
- mini cupcakes from Batch Cupcakery
- cookies from Dees Bakery

transplanting all plants:
Superthrive, Gardner &
Bloom Soil Building
Compost and Dr. Earth Life
Fertilizer.



February Recommended
Products:



Spray **Cloud Cover** on
broadleaf evergreens to protect
against cold, dry winds.



Plantskydd keeps rabbits away
from lawns and other areas of
your garden by a combination of
both taste and smell.

- We will be open on Sunday, February 13 for all the last-minute shoppers (you know who you are). We'll have plenty of gifts, cash-and-carry bouquets and flowering plants available.
- Order early - You'll save money by picking flowers up instead of paying for delivery.
- Save \$5 if you pick up on or before Friday, Saturday or Sunday (on orders more than \$25).
- Call us at 775-825-0671, visit us at www.thefloristatmoana.com or in person at 1100 W. Moana Lane, located inside the garden center.

Why not give from the heart this Valentine's Day?



The Florist at Moana Nursery is teaming up with United Blood Services this Valentine's Day to encourage blood donations. If you donate on Friday, February 11 or Saturday, February 12 you will receive a coupon for a free rose from The Florist at Moana Nursery and 10% off any Moana Lane garden center purchase!



February Bird of the Month Junco

Dark-eyed Juncos are neat, even flashy medium-sized sparrows that flit about forest floors of the western mountains and Canada, then flood the rest of North America for winter. They're easy to recognize by their crisp, though extremely variable, markings and the bright white tail feathers they habitually flash in flight.

Fun Facts

- According to Project Feeder Watch, Juncos are sighted at more feeding areas across North America than any other bird. Over 80% of those responding report juncos at their feeders.
- Dark-eyed Juncos are often called "Snowbirds," possibly due to the fact that many believe their return from their northern breeding grounds foretells the return of cold, snowy weather. Another possible source of the nickname may be the white belly plumage and slate-colored back of the junco which has been described as "leaden skies above, snow below."

For more information visit our local WBU website reno.wbu.com

Join the Great Backyard Bird Count



Control fungus gnats with **Gardner and Bloome Horticulture Sand**. Apply a thin layer to the top of houseplant soil.



Keep indoor plants perfectly watered by using a **Water Camel** tray.



Apply **GrowMore Orchid Food** to orchids all year round (per directions on label).

Helpful Links:



Home and Garden Showplace
E-Gardening Magazine

Click the link!

[Fall/Winter Magazine](#)

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**Nature News
e-Newsletter**

Sign up for Nature News - the



**You are encouraged to participate in this annual event
February 18 - 21, 2011!**

Anyone can take part in the Great Backyard Bird Count, from novice bird watchers to experts. Participants count birds for as little as 15 minutes (or as long as you wish) on one or more days of the event and report your sightings online at www.birdcount.org. Each checklist submitted by these "citizen scientists" helps researchers at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society learn more about how the birds are doing, and how to protect them. **Moana Nursery can answer questions about the count, and checklists can also be turned in at Moana Nursery.**

**February 3 marks the start of the
Chinese New Year...the year of the rabbit.**



Chinese New Year begins on February 3, 2011 and is the year of the rabbit. The Rabbit is a lucky sign, and according to Chinese tradition, it brings a year in which you can catch your breath and calm your nerves. Moana Nursery has stocked a few special items typically used to decorate for Chinese New Year, to invite good fortune into your home. Plant Flowering Quince, which symbolizes good health, prosperity & happiness. *Shop all three Moana locations.*

**The Gnomes are coming... to a movie
theater and garden center near you!**

Wild Birds Unlimited
e-Newsletter from Moana
Nursery [HERE](#)



You've probably seen the ads for the upcoming movie Gnomeo and Juliet. Well, gnomes can also be found at Moana. Gnomes are a popular accessory in many gardens and are often the target of pranks, known collectively as gnoming. People have been known to return garden gnomes "to the wild" or kidnap and send them on trips around the world. If you're looking for a great way to express yourself to the world, or maybe to just your neighbors, we will find you a Garden Gnome to do just that. Available at all three Moana locations.

Upcoming Seminars

February 5 - Houseplants

Charlene Oakes, Master Gardener

Learn the proper care of houseplants, including their requirements for light, water, fertilizer, potting and temperatures. Charlene will answer questions regarding plant care and make recommendations for plants that will be suitable for your house.

February 12 - (For Bird Lovers!) Who's that stranger in my yard?

Alan Gubanich, Vice President, Lahontan Audubon Society

Alan will explain how to identify birds in your yard. You will also learn different ways to attract, feed and create shelters for them.

February 19 - Basic Shade Tree Pruning 10am - 11am

Advanced Pruning - 1pm to 2pm

Jon Bruyn, Moana Nursery Plant Doctor and Certified Arborist

Proper pruning is an important step in ensuring healthy, strong fruit and shade trees. Improperly pruned or neglected trees are more subject to disease organisms and breakage from fruit loads and storms. Jon will explain and demonstrate proper pruning - you won't want to miss these two seminars!

February 26 - Herbs for Everyone

Michelle Deetken, Expert Gardener and Nutritionist

Do you want herbs year-round? Many herbs can be grown successfully in containers on the deck or patio. Plant an indoor, winter, herb garden. Michelle will explain how to grow and maintain a healthy herb garden, and

how to incorporate new plantings into your garden in the spring.

All seminars are free and held at 1190 W. Moana Lane in our Landscape & Design Center. Seminars begin promptly at 10 a.m. and last one hour. Seating is limited to 60 and is first come, first served. Visit www.moananursery.com or call (775) 825-0600 for more information.

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