

# FEBRUARY

# GARDENING

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**February in Gauteng is a  
hot month!**

**Read our guide to know  
what you need to do to  
make sure your late-summer  
garden flourishes.**

## SPOTLIGHT ON ... SUCCULENTS

Succulents are the perfect plants for both novice gardeners and gardening aficionados. They require very little water, which makes them a great choice for both indoor and outdoor spaces, especially during times of restricted water usage.

While there are many different types of succulent plants, some species are easier to care for and more versatile than others.

Our favourite easy-maintenance varieties include the echeveria, jade plant (*Crassula ovata*), pig's ears (*Cotyledon orbiculata*), aloe and sedum (or stonecrop).

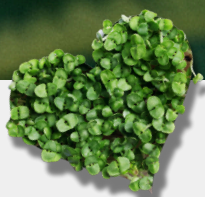


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## Plant & Sow

- Plant fresh crops of carrots, parsley, rocket, beans, cabbage, leeks, Swiss chard and turnips to harvest in late summer.



## Feed

- Feed your herbs and vegetables with a liquid fertiliser like Nourish 7:1:2 (10)
- **Leafy Greens**
  - Talborne **Vita Veg 6:3:4 (16)** to maintain strong, healthy crops.
  - Continue feeding roses monthly until the end of April with granular fertiliser like Talborne Vita Fruit & Flower 3:1:5 (18) or **Nourish 4:1:6 (11) Buds, Flowers & Fruit.**
  - Use an organic fertiliser such as Talborne 5:1:5 (23) or the liquid fertiliser Nourish 7:1:2 (10) and continue watering your lawn three or more times a week.

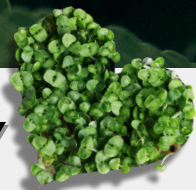


## Pro tip

- Mow your lawn regularly (at least once a week), cutting at medium-to-high height to help the lawn cope with soaring late-summer temperatures.
- Treat yellowing leaves on azaleas and camellias with iron chelate and feed each bush with a tablespoon of magnesium sulphate. Keep well mulched.



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## Pests

- You may spot some unwelcome pests this month. Here's how to deal with them:
- Mole crickets: Apply Makhro Lawn Protector and/or Wonder 4:1:1 Fertiliser + Insecticide
- Ants: Use Protek Nip-It Ant Control Granules
- Termites: Protect your lawn with Protek Termite Stop for termites' nests
- Snails: Use organic snail bait such as Biogrow Ferramol.
- Red spider: Treat with Kirchhoff's Margaret Roberts Organic Insecticide or Biogrow Bioneem.
- Spray roses with Efekto Rosecare to protect it from diseases and pests



## OTHER FRESH IDEAS



### Give a growing gift

Skip the classic bouquet of roses this Valentine's Day and go the extra mile by giving a personalised gift – it will live much longer than flowers!

**"LOVE PLANTED A ROSE, AND  
THE WORLD TURNED SWEET."  
- KATHARINE LEE BATES -**