



Gardening Tips for February 2026

- 1. A reminder that late February is a suitable time to prune Hydrangeas. Cut back to outward facing bud. Can be cut back quite hard. Flowers are on new shoots so it is vital to do. (www.burkesbackyard.com.au)**
- 2. Late February is not too late to subdivide asters. They prefer a sunny position (as too much humidity produces mildew) so replant on front edge of gardens in full sun. This late they will not spread much but have time to settle before winter. (www.epicgardening.com)**
- 3. This is the time of year when Murraya flower. Prune when the flowers die off. Prune firstly to shape and prevent them 'getting away on you'. Second prune to prevent them setting fruit and developing seeds – birds love them but then via their waste spread them. Thus their 'weed' title. (www.queenslandgardening.com)**
- 4. Last chance to prune Dahlias for a final abundant flower display. Prune growing stems to produce more shoots thus more flowers OR reduce the number of stems and buds to produce bigger flowers. (www.yates.com.au)**
- 5. If you have Wisteria or PETRAEA (sandpaper vine) cut back by up to 90%. These vines flower on two year old wood so if you can cut back ½ now, other half next year so you get flowers every year. (www.abc.net.au).**