

Garden Notes

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Sprinkler Care

If you have a sprinkler system, now is the time to evaluate it for proper coverage. Look for broken heads, incorrect spray patterns, blocked spray access, and poor pressure issues. You may also want to calibrate your system for the lawn so it delivers 1/2 to 3/4 inch of water when needed.



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Native azaleas

Support No Mow March with the addition of a winter or spring flowering shrub. Native azaleas make a stunning addition to a partial sun landscape spot. The showy fragrant flowers emerge just before foliage. Flower colors include yellow, pink, and orange.



Creeping Phlox

A happy childhood memory was seeing the blooms of Creeping phlox in our Tennessee garden. In North Florida, Phlox subulata, can be an attractive groundcover for a low maintenance landscape. Attractive pink blooms continue for several weeks in late winter/early spring. Plants like well drained soils with some moisture during dry periods. Partial shade during the hot summer is also helpful. It grows about 6 inches high and will spread out 6-8 feet.