

**“Always plan ahead. It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark.” –
Richard Cushing**



January-In Our Herb Garden:

- Plan your spring herb garden - consider location, space, size, shape, sun, and plant groupings.
- Plan companion planting. Companion planting is simply any plant that is purposely planted next to or with another to enhance growth, beauty, and/or flavor.
- Review seed catalogs and visit with herb growers as to new varieties and then order seeds, before it is time to sprout them.
- Keep in mind as you read and plan that many herb books, and even seed packets, are written for growing conditions other than ours (we are zone 8b, and we even have our own microclimates).
 - Start seeds of perennials and later annuals in a cold frame or greenhouse.
 - Temperature extremes (abnormally high day/night, then a hard freeze blow in) during winter months may cause new growth for perennials and result in freezing. Mulch should help protect plants. Wait until the ground warms to remove frost victims.
 - Spruce up the garden. Remove fall debris (and compost it).
- *HERBS: A Resource Guide for San Antonio* (visit the San Antonio Herb Society’s web site @ <http://www.saherbs.org>)

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