

# Over the Fence

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## Your February Home Checklist

*On cold winter days, freshen up indoor spaces and refresh your spirits too. It may still be cold out there, but there's plenty to do indoors.*

- **Plan for a spring or summer home sale.** If you are considering putting your home on the market this year, it's a good idea to start planning now. Interview real estate agents, make a list of home projects that need to get done to help your home look its best.
- **Clean interior windows.** Cleaning interior windows can still help boost light — something we could all use a bit more of during the winter.
- **Clean the air.** Treat your home to a few new houseplants this month to help boost interior air quality and add life to your

**FEBRUARY HOME WARRANTY TIP:** *Have a plan of action in place for the whole family to exit your home safely during a fire, and set a meeting place outside to count heads.*

home. Even if it's cold where you live, try cracking open a window or two each day (even if only for a moment) to bring in some fresh air. Clean or replace furnace filters as needed.

- **Give your bath a spa-inspired makeover.** Details can make a big impact in a small space like the bathroom. Bring in fresh white towels, a new shower curtain and liner, and a few organic accents, like potted plants and a wooden stool.
- **Pick up some paint swatches.** Visit a paint store and scoop up swatches. Play around with potential color combinations by pinning your favorites to a bulletin board. By the time spring rolls around, you'll be ready to break out the paintbrushes.
- **Treat your home (and yourself) to fresh flowers.** With Valentine's Day this month, the markets are bound to be bursting with blooms — and often at good prices.

For full article, visit: <http://www.houzz.com/ideabooks/40482788/list/to-dos-your-february-home-checklist>



## The Meanings of the Numbers of Roses

Using roses to convey messages dear to the heart has been a tradition established over several centuries. Here's a comprehensive guide to the numbers and meanings of roses:

- 1 = Love at first sight
- 2 = Mutual feelings of two people who are deeply in love
- 3 = Stand for the three words "I Love You", and convey this simple, powerful message
- 5 = I love you very much
- 6 = I love you, I miss you
- 7 = I'm infatuated with you
- 9 = Together as long as we live
- 10 = You are pretty
- 11 = You're my treasured one
- 12 = Be my steady
- 24 = You're always on my mind, twenty-four hours of the day
- 50 = Signify a love that has never been regretted.

For full article, visit: [www.roseforlove.com/the-meanings-of-the-numbers-of-roses-ezp-46](http://www.roseforlove.com/the-meanings-of-the-numbers-of-roses-ezp-46)



## "Be Mine." "Kiss Me." "Sweet Talk."

*Nothing signals Cupid's arrival quite like conversation hearts.*

### Did you know:

- The New England Confectionery Company (NECCO) debuted their Sweethearts Conversation Hearts in the 1800s
- Many of the original sayings, like "Be Good," "Be True," and "Kiss Me," are still printed today
- NECCO manufactures eight billion Sweethearts per year
- Approximately 100,000 pounds of candy hearts are sold each day during the six-week period between January 1 and Valentine's Day.



*Sure, you can always dip those strawberries into chocolate, but here's a Valentine's Day treat for the salad lover.*

### STRAWBERRY SPINACH SALAD

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons sesame seeds
- 1 tablespoon poppy seeds
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1/4 cup distilled white vinegar
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 10 ounces fresh spinach — rinsed, dried and torn into bite-size pieces
- 1 quart strawberries — cleaned, hulled and sliced
- 1/4 cup almonds, blanched and slivered



#### Directions

In a medium bowl, whisk together the sesame seeds, poppy seeds, sugar, olive oil, vinegar, paprika, Worcestershire sauce and onion. Cover, and chill for one hour.

In a large bowl, combine the spinach, strawberries and almonds. Pour dressing over salad, and toss. Refrigerate 10 to 15 minutes before serving.

<http://allrecipes.com/recipe/14276/strawberry-spinach-salad-i/print/?recipeType=Recipe&servings=4>

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*If you are thinking of buying or selling a home in the near future, please call for a personal interview and property assessment with no obligation.*

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