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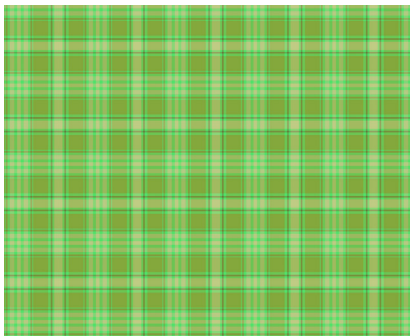
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# MARKET REPORT FEBRUARY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

WELCOME HOME

Single Family Residences (Home, Manufactured on Land, Condo) Excluding Multi-Family									Monthly	
Active Listings/ Pending	Total Current Listings	Under \$100K	\$100K- \$200K	\$200K- \$300K	\$300K- \$400K	\$400K- \$500K	\$500K- \$600K	\$600K+	Expired This Month	Sold This Month
<b>Chico Listings</b>	168	0	6	14	26	40	26	56	4	50
<b>Active</b>	110	0	4	9	16	25	15	41		
<b>Pending</b>	58	0	2	5	10	15	11	15		
<b>Not Sold</b>	65%	0%	67%	64%	62%	63%	58%	73%		
<b>Paradise Listings</b>	101	0	1	10	34	26	14	16	8	13
<b>Active</b>	75	0	1	6	23	22	11	12		
<b>Pending</b>	26	0	0	4	11	4	3	4		
<b>Not Sold</b>	74%	0%	100%	60%	68%	85%	79%	75%		
<b>Magalia Listings</b>	60	7	4	29	14	2	2	2	0	7
<b>Active</b>	44	5	4	19	11	2	1	2		
<b>Pending</b>	16	2	0	10	3	0	1	0		
<b>Not Sold</b>	73%	71%	100%	66%	79%	100%	50%	100%		
<b>Oroville Listings</b>	129	0	10	38	41	22	8	10	5	21
<b>Active</b>	86	0	5	21	28	16	6	10		
<b>Pending</b>	43	0	5	17	13	6	2	0		
<b>Not Sold</b>	67%	0%	50%	55%	68%	73%	75%	100%		





*home / to a fresher future*  
**planning your spring vegetable garden**  
*The BHGRE Life - bhgre.life.com*

The key to a successful spring vegetable garden lies in the planning stage. Once you have the spot picked out, you have to prepare the ground, create a layout, get vegetable ideas and buy supplies and plants. For the best chance of success, choose easy-to-grow vegetables like lettuce and zucchini. You can expand your horizons by adding some herbs and fruit plants, as well.

If you are starting the plants from seeds, you will have to have the right containers to start them indoors. Otherwise, buy young plants with established root systems. Depending on what USDA plant hardiness zone you live in, certain vegetable plants will be recommended for spring planting. Martha Stewart explains that warm-season crops like beans, tomatoes and eggplants do best in the heat, and some vegetable plants have longer growing seasons than others.

**Growing Plants From Seeds**

Martha Stewart also advises gardeners to check the plant-by dates when purchasing high-quality seed packets to ensure that they are for the current year. You can use any type of container for planting seeds, but it must have drainage holes. You may wish to plant several seeds in larger pots, which is a convenient way to start them. Another choice is to use planting trays, which are divided into smaller sections.

Use regular potting soil, a sterile, soilless mix, a seed-starting mix or make your own if you are a skilled gardener or growing plants with specific requirements. Do not add compost or topsoil into the containers at this stage, because either can ruin your seeds.

Put your potting mix in a large bucket and add some water until it is moist. Place the containers on newspaper, fill them up with the mix and tamp down gently. Dig out the seed holes with a pencil, making them twice as deep as the seeds are thick.

The containers can be covered with clear plastic wrap to encourage germination, though you may wish to poke a few holes in the plastic to avoid mold growth. Place the containers or trays in a warm room by a sunny window. You can also use

grow lights, provide the full UV spectrum of light to your seedlings. Mark the containers with labels so you don't mix up the plants. Check them daily and water as needed – you can also add some diluted fertilizer when they begin to sprout.

**Making a Garden Blueprint**

Take some graph paper to draw out your garden plan before you do any digging. Vegetable plants like tomatoes and corn can grow quite tall, and you don't want them to block the sunlight from their companions. You do not have to start with a large number of plants, because you can also add more later if you have the space.

The number of inches required between the same kinds of vegetable plants varies, and you can find vegetable spacing guides online. Zucchini needs about 24 to 28 inches, while spinach only needs 2 to 4. If you are planting multiple rows of vegetables, these distances also vary; check the guide or your seed packet for this information, as well. You will need room to walk back and forth between your plants if planting in a traditional rowed garden.

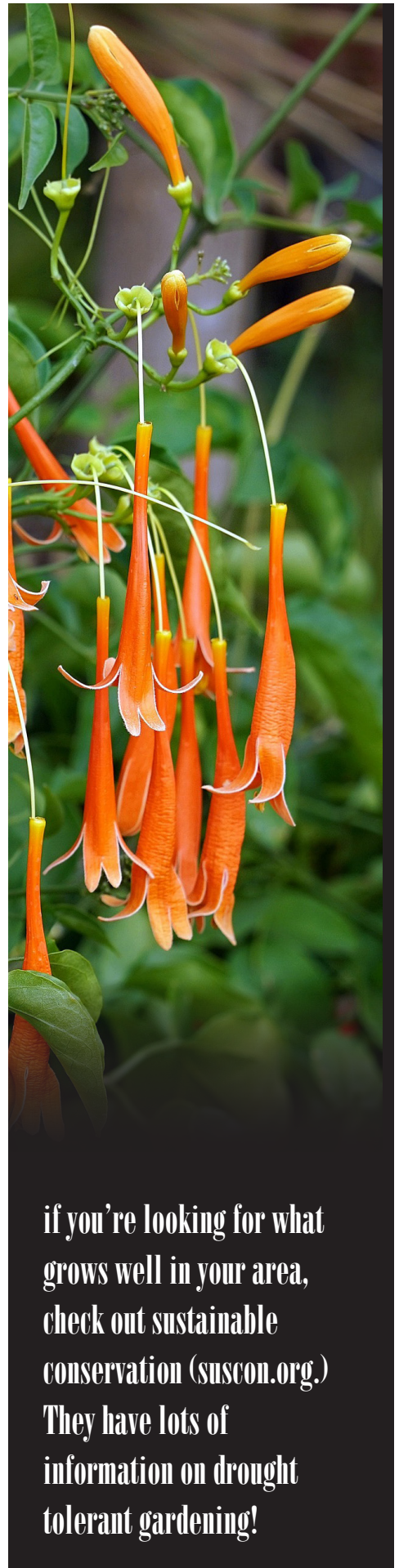
You can dig stakes into the ground at the ends of your garden rows, and connect each one with string. This will help you dig the plant holes in a straighter line. If any of the plants came with information tags, stick those in the ground alongside them.

**Preparing The Garden Soil**

If you want to transplant seedlings outdoors, plan ahead by placing them outside two weeks before the planting. Leave them out for a few hours at first, and gradually build this up to strengthen them. Your plants will need a sunny garden that gets from six to eight hours of direct sunlight each day. Do not choose a spot that gets a lot of wind, because this could damage the plants and keep pollinators like bees away.

The best kind of soil for vegetable plants is packed with nutrients. The best way to ensure this is to mix in organic matter like compost or manure when the soil is moist (not wet). Check the soil for rocks and weeds, and rake them off and away. Then, use a shovel to loosen up the soil, digging down to 8 to 12 inches.

Spread at least 2 to 3 inches of compost or manure onto the soil. You can work it into the earth if you like, but this is not necessary. You can level out the soil with a rake, or build up the beds slightly. Now you can dig the holes and start getting those plants in the ground. Before you know it, you will have plenty of fresh produce to bring to the table.



**if you're looking for what grows well in your area, check out sustainable conservation ([suscon.org](http://suscon.org).) They have lots of information on drought tolerant gardening!**





*home/financial health*  
**goodbye stress, hello organization**  
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Organizing isn't only about making a space more visually appealing; it's about making a space more soothing. It's about creating a home where as soon as you step through the door, you feel calm and comfortable. Organizing is a form of self-care and allows you to transform a space into an environment that is nurturing and peaceful. Say goodbye to clutter and common stressors, see ya later to piles of clothes, and sayonara to stacks of paper. Create a sanctuary at home that can make your life simpler and a great deal easier.

People experience plenty of stress when it comes to work, finances, and hectic to-do lists. Your home should serve as a refuge, an area free from chaos and clutter. Below are tips on how to organize, purge, donate, and take control of your home. Let's get started!

**Get into an Organizing Mindset**  
 Make sure you're in the right headspace before you start organizing. We recommend a few moments of mindfulness and deep breathing to help you get into the proper mindset. The next step would be to change into some comfy clothes and start by picking one room or space at a time. There is no need to tackle your entire home in one day. Set reasonable goals.

One of the main reasons people hold onto something is guilt. Maybe the vase was a gift, perhaps it was expensive when you purchased it, but you don't really like it anymore. Regardless, it's important to recognize that keeping an item in the back of your closet or stuffed in a drawer won't make you feel better. Once you donate it or sell it, you will feel lighter. Many people also hold onto items because they are worried they will regret getting rid of them. Keep in mind, just because something might be difficult to part

with does not mean you will regret getting rid of that item. You most likely won't notice it's gone. The main thing to remember is you're getting rid of a thing, not a person or a memory. Another good rule to follow is if you haven't used the item in the past year, you most likely will not use it again. As for all of the things you might use "one day," the time to get rid of that item is now. These items and possessions are most likely just dragging you down and taking up space.

**Organizing Tips**

Gather supplies before you start that will help you throughout your process. Grab sticky notes, a marker, and tape so you can create labels. Pick up garbage bags and cardboard boxes to make areas to collect things for donations, to sell, to trash, and recycle. If you are cleaning out chemicals and cleaners, wear gloves and goggles if needed.

You need to assess why you own the items you do. Ask yourself the following questions to help you decide if you truly need to hold onto something. Does the item still have a purpose? Does it bring you joy? By removing things you no longer need or don't bring you happiness, you create simplicity in your life.

If you don't have all of the parts for an item or are missing cords and pieces that you need to make something work properly, either get rid of it or write down the part you need to order right away as not to forget. Test everything to make sure it works, from electronics to office supplies. If it doesn't work, it's merely eating up space.

When going through cords, take the time to label them. Fold an adhesive or piece of tape over the wire's end and use a fine point permanent marker to write what it is. This will save you an incredible amount of time in the future, especially if you move. Say goodbye to Ziplock bags filled with miscellaneous cords.

When cleaning a desktop or counter space, the

first thing to ask yourself is what do you use on a daily basis. Remove anything that doesn't make that list and place it in a drawer or bin. The less cluttered your workspace or kitchen counter is, the less distracted you'll be and the more productive you'll become.

Use drawer organizers so you can easily and quickly find what you need. This will prevent a junk drawer from forming where things are just thrown in and forgotten.

The back of doors and cabinets are excellent if you're looking for extra storage space. Look into hanging door racks and cabinet hooks to provide valuable space for your many things. You can hang towels, tote bags, and other items that might otherwise be eating up drawer space.

Using clear containers in closets, garages, and kitchen pantries can make your life much easier. The clear containers not only keep things together and organized but allow you to see everything without having to go through tons of bins. If you don't want to purchase or use clear containers, add a clean looking label to the outside.

If you don't have a ton of space, go vertical. Shelf risers are great and stackable, which allows you to double the surface area. These are perfect for shoes, so they don't end up in a pile on your closet floor.

If you're tired of losing your keys or sunglasses, set up "drop zones" around your home. Create a designated drawer in an entryway console or a wall organizer by the garage door. As soon as you walk through your door, place your car keys in the dish and other items you can quickly grab next time you're headed out.

Look into furniture that is as versatile as it is stylish. Many ottomans nowadays double as storage containers, so you can hide all of the remotes and blankets when you're not using them. If you are looking to add a bench in the entryway, look for one with a bottom compartment to store shoes, umbrellas, and other things you and your guests don't want to look at. Think about functionality.

Do something fun and positive after you're done.

**For Extra  
 Organization  
 Tips, Check out  
 bhgrelife.com!**



food/holiday traditions!

## how to make corned beef & cabbage

Here's a slow cooker recipe for corned beef and cabbage, a St. Paddy's Day favorite. But why wait until March? The one-dish dinner tastes great any time.

### Ingredients

1 3-4 pound corned beef brisket with spice packet\*

½ small head cabbage, cut into 3 wedges

4 medium carrots, peeled, and cut into 2-inch pieces

1 medium onion, quartered

2 medium yellow potatoes, cut into 2-inch pieces

½ cup water

### Directions:

Trim fat from meat. If necessary, cut brisket to fit into a 5- to 6-quart slow cooker. Sprinkle spices from packet evenly over meat; rub in with your fingers. Place cabbage, carrots, onion, and potatoes in the slow cooker. Pour water over vegetables. Top with brisket.

Cover and cook on low-heat setting for 10 to 12 hours or on high-heat setting for 5 to 6 hours. Transfer meat to a cutting board. Thinly slice against the grain. Serve vegetables with a slotted spoon. Makes 6 servings.

### How to Make a Reuben Using Leftover Corned Beef

Epic Reuben sandwiches might be the reason you make corned beef. And we say that's more than reason enough. Let this killer melt be your jumping-off place to using corned beef leftovers, knowing that hash, pizza, and pasta are yet to be had.

*Make the Pickled Onions:* In a saucepan combine 1 cup leftover corned beef cooking liquid or water, 1/4 cup cider vinegar, and 1 Tbsp. sugar. Bring to boiling. Place a thinly sliced red onion in a medium heatproof bowl, and pour the vinegar mixture over the onion. Let stand at least 1 hour; drain before using.

*Assemble:* Spread the bread slices with Dijon-style mustard and Thousand Island dressing. Layer with slices of corned beef, shredded Fontina cheese, and the pickled onions.

*Grill Sandwiches:* Spread butter on the outside of the bread slices. Cook in a skillet over medium heat until toasted, turning once.



Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!

We hope  
everyone has a  
happy and safe  
St. Patrics Day!



## Fun Ways to Celebrate Easter at Home!

For all the details, check out this QR code for the full BHG Article!



### Eggcellent Craft Ideas

1. Paper Eggs
2. Toilet Paper Roll Bunnies
3. Cup Bunnies and Baskets
4. Decorate Easter Eggs
5. Homemade Easter Baskets

### Spring Into Action!

1. Dress Up
2. Connect with Family & Friends
3. Home Photo Booth
4. Easter Cocktails
5. Easter Games
6. Easter Brunch or Dinner

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