

# March Garden Calendar

## LAWN CARE

- Cool season lawns can be fertilized. Avoid slow-release fertilizers for this application (cool season lawns need the nutrients now, not later in the year when temperatures are warmer).
- Crabgrass herbicides can be applied when the forsythia blooms.
- Fescue and bluegrass can be seeded now if not done in fall.

## FERTILIZING

- Fertilize shrubs and shade trees now through April
- Emerging spring flowering bulbs can be fertilized.
- Asparagus beds can be fertilized in early March before spear growth begins.

## PLANTING

- Trees and shrubs can be transplanted. Fruit trees and grapevines can be planted until the buds begin to break.
- Rose bushes can be planted this month.
- Broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower can be set out in the garden around mid-March.
- Beets, Carrots, Chinese cabbage, kale, kohirabi, lettuce, Swiss chard, turnips, and potatoes can be planted anytime this month.
- Start annual flowers and warm-season vegetables inside. Don't be tempted by unseasonably warm weather- April 15 is still the "frost-free" date for planting tender annuals and vegetables outdoors.

## PROPAGATION

- Perennials like daylily and Shasta daisy can be divided at this time if the ground is dry enough.

## PRUNING

- Prune fruit trees early in March.
- Wait for spring flowers to fade before pruning them. Pansies for example will flower longer if older flowers are removed.
- Roses can be pruned this month.
- Overgrown shrubs can be severely pruned if needed, except for needed evergreens.

## SPRAYING

- Landscape shrubs can be sprayed to control the following pests: euonymus-scale, juniper-spruce spider mites, and hybrid rhododendron-borers.
- Spray all fruit trees with dormant oil to eliminate some insects. This is especially important if the tree has just been pruned.
- Spray apple and pear trees with streptomycin while they are blooming to control fireblight.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Check gardening equipment to make sure it is in working order.
- Consider buying gardening supplies like fertilizer, insecticides, and fungicides while there are still adequate amounts.
- Consider ordering new varieties along with tried-and-true varieties to see how they compare. Experimenting with varieties is fun and has virtually no ill effects.

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