

March

Lawn & Garden

Fertilize shade trees

Fertilize asparagus beds in early March before spear growth begins.

Fertilize ponds starting in March and continuing through October.

Fertilize your garden before planting. Apply lime if not done in the fall.

Plant a tree for Arbor Day (the first Friday after March 15)

Plant small fruit plants, grapes, and fruit trees.

Transplant trees and shrubs.

Plant new shrubs and groundcovers, following your planting plan.

Plant seeds of the perennials columbine, hollyhock, coreopsis, daisy, and phlox. Sweet William can also be planted.

Plant new rose bushes.

Set out plants of broccoli, cabbage, and cauliflower.

Plant beets, carrots, Chinese cabbage, kale, kohlrabi, lettuce, Swiss chard, and turnip.

Start annual flowers, not commercially available, inside your home early in March.

Fertilize fescue lawns.

Mow tall fescue lawns as needed.

Spray wild onion and garlic with a product containing 2, 4-D.



Pruning

Prune spring flowering plants like forsythia (yellow bells), spirea, breath-of-spring, and flowering quince after the flowers fade.

Prune roses before buds break.

Prune shrubs like abelia, mahonia, and nandina this month, if needed.

Pick off faded flowers of pansy and daffodil. Pansies flower longer if old flowers are removed.

Other Chores:

Spray for insect pests: camellia (tea scale), euonymus (scale), juniper (spider mites), and hybrid rhododendron (borers).

Start your rose spray program just prior to bud break.

Spray iris beds for iris borers starting in mid-March.

Spray apple and pear trees with streptomycin for control of fireblight. Pears MUST be sprayed.

Continue to divide perennials like daylily, shasta daisy, gaillardia and coreopsis, this month. Cannas can also be divided in March.

Check garden supplies like fertilizer, insecticides, and fungicides to see if you have adequate amounts.

Check garden equipment, lawn mowers, tillers, hedge trimmers, hoses, and sprayers to see if they are in fine working order before they are needed.

Be certain that old plantings of perennials like peony, hollyhock, and phlox are clean of last season's growth.

Weather Averages:

Temperature: High 64 Low 36.4
Precipitation: 4.7 inches

"Spring is nature's way of saying,
Let's party!"

- Robin Williams