

March Garden Calendar

Vegetables and Fruits

Prepare soil for spring planting.

Plant: Potatoes, peas, onions, lettuce and other salad crops. Asparagus, rhubarb, and strawberries. Broccoli, cauliflower, and cabbage in late March.

Start seeds inside for tomatoes, peppers, and other warm season vegetables.

Apply dormant oil to fruit plantings to reduce scale and mite insects.

Make a fungicide application to control peach leaf curl.

Finish pruning fruit trees, grapes, raspberries, and blackberries.

Remove mulch from strawberries when growth begins.

Flowers

Plant pansies, snapdragons, calendulas, and other cool loving annuals.

Clean up the perennial bed by cutting back foliage and removing winter mulch layer. Divide and plant perennials in the garden.

If dry, prepare soil for planting by adding compost or other organic matter.

As growth begins, fertilize gardens recommended from soil test.

Start seeds indoors under lights for transplanting to the garden.

Plant new roses. Remove winter mulch from existing roses and prune.

Cut ornamental grasses back to within 3 to 5 inches of the ground.

Fertilize spring flowering bulbs such as tulips and daffodils.

Cut seed pods from spent bulbs.

Help control iris borers by destroying old foliage before new growth begins.

Unwrap mail order plants immediately and keep them cool and moist until planting.

Lawns

Spot spray for dandelions, henbit, and chickweed.

Apply crabgrass preventer in late March through mid April for best results.

Seed thin areas in bluegrass and tall fescue lawns.

If no fall application of fertilizer was made, fertilize bluegrass and tall fescue.

Mow grass ½ inch lower to remove winter debris. Do not scalp.

Trees and Shrubs

Pruning: Prune trees, except birch, maple, and walnut, which are best pruned after leafing out. Wait to prune spring flowering shrubs until after they bloom.

Mulch tree and shrub plantings up to 3 inches deep, keeping mulch away from trunks.

Fertilize trees and shrubs.

Plant new trees in the landscape.

Remove tree wraps from young trees for summer growth.

Rake and clean groundcover planting.

Miscellaneous

Repair garden tools.

Additional resources for the month:

[Fruit Pest Control for Home Gardens C-592](#)

[Fertilizing Gardens in Kansas](#)

[All About Pruning C-550](#)