

March

Yard, Garden & Plant Tips

Shrubs and trees

- Rhododendron and azaleas are native plants and add depth to your yard.
- Apple and pear trees need two varieties for pollination.
- Prune fruit trees only until spring buds swell.

Perennials, annuals and bulbs

- Plant cold tolerant annuals like snapdragons, viola and sweet Williams.
- Once early perennials start growing apply fertilizer.
- Transplant hostas, daylilies and Siberian irises.
- Prune roses and spray for blackspot.
- Deadhead daffodils, but leave foliage until it is totally yellow.
- Cut ornamental grasses to just above their crown, divide thick clumps including Monkey and Mondo grasses.

Fruits and vegetables

- Start seeds for warm season crops such as tomato and pepper.
- Plant cool season crops outside: broccoli, spinach, lettuce, greens, chard, root crops, peas and potatoes.
- Use floating row covers, but lift or loosen on warm sunny days.
- Prune grapevines for larger yields.
- Transplant last month's seedlings into larger containers.

Lawn

- Overseed damaged grass areas. Do not apply pre-emergent herbicides to newly seeded areas.
- De-thatch, rake or aerate lawn areas.
- Apply a combination of slow release fertilizer & pre-emergent herbicide for crabgrass control. Apply before dandelions reach the puffball stage.