

Lawn & Garden

MARCH To Do List



TREES AND SHRUBS

- Plant bare-root and container-grown trees and shrubs; begin fertilizing after growth starts.
- Transplant trees and shrubs when soil is workable, but before they leaf out.
- Prune and fertilize roses; don't prune birch, maple and other "bleeding" trees before leaves develop; and delay pruning frost and cold damage until growth starts.

ANNUALS, PERENNIALS AND BULBS

- Cut back overgrown or leggy perennials; cut or mow ornamental grasses.
- Plant, divide and transplant ornamental grasses and perennials as soon as soil is workable.
- Carefully weed bulb beds; fertilize bulbs after blooming
- Gradually remove extra mulch from tender plants; after all danger of frost has passed, plant tender bulbs such as caladium and dahlia.
- Prune overgrown vines after they bloom and sow seeds of summer-blooming annuals indoors.

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MAINTAIN

- Start a compost pile during spring cleanup.
- Install sprinklers to prepare for summer watering.

LAWNS

- Cool-season grasses (such as fescue and bluegrass) will begin growing. Feed lightly with a balanced fertilizer, aerate and dethatch as needed.
- Bermuda grass lawns may benefit from "scalping" to remove the tall brown stubble of winter.
- Apply pre-emergent herbicide or corn gluten; add soil to low areas and patch bare spots in cool-season lawns.
- Test your soil pH; add lime or sulfur.
- Resume watering when grass grows, and deadhead plants to promote more blooms.

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