

## MARCH GARDENING

<b>Plant Plants</b>	<p><b>Annuals</b> - Begonia, Dusty Miller, Inpatients, Marigold, Nicotiana, Petunia, Zinnias, etc.</p> <p><b>Perennials</b> - Esperanza, Lantana, Plumbago, Salvias , Shasta Daisy, Rudbeckia, Verbena, Firespike, Shrimp plant, Turks Cap, etc.</p>
<b>Plant Veggies</b>	Beans, Lettuces, Corn, Peppers, Tomatoes, etc.
<b>Plant Herbs</b>	<p>Basil, Chives, Oregano, Rosemary, Sage, Thyme,</p> <p>*Parsley, Dill, &amp; Fennel, : are also host for the Swallowtail Butterfly Caterpillar .</p>
<b>Roses</b>	Plant container grown
<b>Trees &amp; Shrubs</b>	<p><b>Trees</b> - Plant container grown Shade, Fruit, &amp; Ornamental Trees</p> <p><b>Shrubs</b> - Azaleas, Spirea's, etc.</p>
<b>Weeding</b>	Get busy pulling winter weeds before they take hold or seed out.
<b>Mulch</b>	Garden beds and around trees to retain moisture and deter weeds.
<b>Prune</b>	<p><b>Annuals</b> - deadhead to promote new blooms.</p> <p><b>Perennials</b> - can still be cut back early this month</p> <p><b>Trees &amp; Shrubs</b> - You can still do light pruning.</p>
<b>Fertilize</b>	Trees, Shrubs, Roses, Annuals, Perennials, and Veggies
<b>Water</b>	As needed.
<b>Pest</b>	<p>Watch for Aphids on new foliage and flower buds.</p> <p>* Avoid using insecticides during blooming seasons to protect the pollinators</p>

<b>Birds</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Keep birdbaths cleaned and filled with fresh water.</li> <li>• Keep Feeders cleaned and filled with fresh seed.</li> <li>• Be sure to rake the ground clean under your feeders also .</li> <li>• Clean out nest boxes if you haven't already.</li> <li>• Put out mealworms for bluebirds.</li> <li>• Put out nesting material such as strips of yarn, thread, Pet fur, etc. You can place the items in a clean suet basket and hang in a tree.</li> </ul>
<b>Other Critters</b>	Keep a fresh source of water placed on the ground to drink from .

**Note:** If a frost is predicted be prepared to protect tender flowers and veggies.

**Happy Gardening!**  
Debbie