

MARCH'S GARDEN "GROUND" WORK



Get your lawn mower ready—get blades sharpened and balanced.



Walking on wet soil will cause it to compact so wait until the ground dries to start working in your gardens. If a clump of dirt breaks apart when you squeeze then open your hand, it is dry enough to work.



Trim dead or damaged branches from trees, shrubs, and roses.



Tie up ornamental grass. Use a serrated knife or shears to cut them back to a few inches above ground level.



Transplant roses, shrubs and ornamental trees before the leaf buds open.



Start seeds such as marigolds, zinnias, tomatoes, peppers, eggplants, & perennials indoors under lights.



Plant parsley, potatoes, peas, lettuce, radishes, & carrots as soon as the grass begins to green up.



To repair bare spots in lawns combine 5 shovels of sand, 1 shovel of sterilized topsoil, 1 shovel of grass seed and 1 cup of slow release fertilizer. Cover bare spots with this mixture, tamp down and water.



Feed peonies with low nitrogen fertilizer when they reach 2-3". Apply slow release fertilizer to perennials.



Look for hosta shoots poking up through soil. Dig up clumps that need divided, split them apart, & replant them.



Water well!

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