

MARCH

THINGS TO DO

PREPARE BEDS - for planting warm-season flowers and vegetables.

***For every 1,000 square feet of bed - work in 2 to 3 inch layer of organic material such as compost, pine bark, or sphagnum peat moss**

MOW or trim Freeze-damaged beds of Asiatic Jasmine.

***Ground Cover beds should be sheared just as new growth starts to encourage growth from the base.**

MOW lawn areas as needed

DIVIDE EXISTING CLUMPS OF FALL BLOOMING PERENNIALS

Chrysanthemums

Autumn Asters

Mexican Marigold Mint

Obedient Plant

***Separate clumps into individual clumps and set 8 to 10 inches apart.**

***Prepare beds by spading in 3 to 5 inches of organic matter and work into area 8 to 10 inches deep.**

***Add 3-5 pounds of cottonseed meal or slow release fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. of bed. Compost is also good at the rate of 4 inches tilled in 12 inches deep.**

FERTILIZE all planting beds except azaleas

***Wait on lawn areas.**

REMEMBER – Many trees and shrubs are damaged or killed each year by the careless application of weed killers including Weed and Feed products.

***Read and follow directions.**

***Weeds indicate a poor lawn management program and weeds will usually be crowded out by healthy turf.**

PLANT- from transplants for early color

Ageratum

Cockscombs

Fibrous Rooted Begonias

**Coreopsis
Cosmos
Cleomes
Marigolds
Nasturtiums
Petunias
Phlox
Portulacas
Salvias
Sweet Alyssums
Sunflowers
Zinnias**

(March 15th is last average freeze date)

PRUNE spring blooming shrubs after bloom

MULCH –

newly planted areas

***bare spots**

***around trees**

THINGS TO WATCH FOR

SPRAY Insecticidal soap for Aphids as needed

BEWARE – of closeouts on bare-root trees and shrubs

***Survival rate is low this late in season. *Buy container-grown or balled and burlaped plants**