

Landscape March Tips

March Plant Hints

After two weeks of extremely cold days and nights, some of them with snow, we're having some extremely warm days. It is, however, too soon to walk on the soil around our homes and to plant flowers. The soil is still cold and wet. Hopefully we can do some clean-up of the beds in late April.

Garden Hints

March is the time to make up a rotated vegetable plan for our garden plots. The soil has to drain and warm up a bit before we can cultivate. Toward the end of March and the beginning of April some cool weather seeds/plants such as peas, broccoli, lettuce, spinach and onion sets can be planted in rows facing north/south in order to get 6 hours of sunshine. Those of us with raised garden beds, which warm up faster, are able to plant earlier. Before planting, remove any weeds and rake the soil.

If you haven't done so, now is a good time to clean and disinfect your garden tools using chlorine bleach - 1 part bleach to 9 parts water. Rinse off tools. Or if using isopropyl alcohol (rubbing alcohol) undiluted straight from the bottle - no rinse is needed.

"Crockett's Victory Garden' by James Underwood Crocket; ohiogarderner.com;
'Month-By-Month Gardening in Ohio' by Denny McKeown