

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE MARCH TIPS

Plant Tips

Do not walk on the soil around our homes to prevent compaction. The soil is still cold and wet. Clean-up of the beds can usually be done in late April.

Garden Tips

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, kale, radishes, and onion sets can be planted in rows where they get 6 hours of sunshine. Those who have a raised garden bed, which warms up faster, are able to plant earlier. Before planting, remove any weeds and rake the soil.

Remove weeds and dead foliage from herbaceous perennials before new shoots appear. You can add a fresh layer of mulch or compost to retain moisture and suppress weeds. Roses can be pruned.

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.