



MARCH GARDEN REMINDERS

Chores and Maintenance

- Rake perennial beds to prepare for compost or fertilizer
- Edge beds
- Cut cold-season ornamental grasses to the ground
- Prune roses before the buds swell
- Winter pruning (see shrub pruning calendar)

Pest Control

- Apply dormant oil to shrubs and trees to smother overwintering insects and eggs
- To make your own, add ½ cup of canola or safflower oil and a few drops of dishwashing liquid to one gallon of water. Spray when above 50 degrees.

Spring-Flowering Trees and Shrubs

- Any time now, you can cut stems of forsythia, pussy willow, crab apple, witch hazel, and quince. Bring them indoors, give the stems water, light, and warmth (65 degrees F max), and they will bloom for you in only two weeks time.