

# MARCH GARDEN JOBS

- ◆ Prune out any branches broken by winter storms.
- ◆ Fertilize roses, annual flowers and berries with slow-release fertilizer when spring growth begins.
- ◆ Pull weeds now before they set seed.
- ◆ Hand pick snails and slugs as they come out in the evening. Trap earwigs in rolled-up newspaper or unrinsed tuna cans. Be sure to toss out or empty in the morning.
- ◆ If aphids appear on roses, rinse off with a strong spray of water or insecticidal soap.
- ◆ Watch for black spot, mildew, or rust on roses and spray if needed.
- ◆ Spray apricots as petals drop to prevent brown rot.
- ◆ Check often for powdery mildew on roses, grapes, crepe myrtle and other ornamentals. When growth is 2 to 4 inches, spray with a mixture of 1 Tbs. baking soda and 3 drops liquid dish soap in a gallon of water. Or apply sulfur or potassium bicarbonate. Do not spray if above 90 degrees.
- ◆ Prune and fertilize spring flowering shrubs and trees after bloom.
- ◆ Feed citrus.
- ◆ Seed bare patches in lawns.
- ◆ Feed cool-season grasses like bent, blue, rye, and fescue with slow-release fertilizer.
- ◆ Feed camellias when they finish blooming.
- ◆ Paint trunks of young trees with diluted water-based white paint to prevent sunburn and borer problems.

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