

# GARDENHINTS

## MARCH

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Continue to bait the garden and flower beds for slugs.
- Do some garden cleanup such as raking up debris, weeding and preparing garden beds.
- Apply **GARDENWORKS™** Premium 14-4-8 or apply **GARDENWORKS™** Premium 14-4-8 with Moss Control to the lawn if there is a moss problem.
- Aerate your lawn and repair bare patches with **GARDENWORKS™** Rapid Patch Lawn Seed. This would also be a great time to top dress using **GARDENWORKS™** Lawn Soil and Top Dressing.
- Prepare the vegetable garden with well-rotted compost and/or manure and incorporate a balanced slow release fertilizer like **GARDENWORKS™** Flower and vegetable 10-15-20 fertilizer
- Start planting out cool season vegetables such as lettuce, cabbage and kale.
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs after blooms fade.
- Fertilize rhododendrons, camellias and azaleas with **GARDENWORKS™** Rhododendron & Azalea Food 10-8-6.
- Fertilize trees and shrubs using **GARDENWORKS™** Tree & Hedge Food 18-4-8.
- Start planting out trees, shrubs, roses and perennials. Remember to use **GARDENWORKS™** Transplant Fertilizer when transplanting.

### INDOOR ACTIVITIES

- It's a great time to repot tropical plants using **GARDENWORKS™** Indoor Potting Soil.
- Increase watering and feeding of tropical plants now that daylight hours are increasing. Use **GARDENWORKS™** 15-30-15 for your flowering tropical plants and **GARDENWORKS™** 20-20-20 for your foliage tropicals.
- Start annual seeds indoors (check package for specific dates).
- Visit our bulb department to start planning for your summer bulb collection like Dahlias, Gladiolus and Lilies
- Check sprinklers, hoses, spreaders for damage or repairs.
- Clean up last year's pots, window boxes, baskets to get them ready for spring and summer planting.

## APRIL

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Plant cool weather veggies and flowers.
- Transplant strawberries and raspberries.
- Plant early potatoes such as Yukon Gold and Pontiac.
- Divide and transplant perennials.
- Fertilize your roses with **GARDENWORKS™** Rose Food 6-12-16, and fertilize your perennials with **GARDENWORKS™** All Purpose 6-8-6.
- Continue to bait the garden and flower beds for slugs.
- Start weeding the garden.
- Plant up some spring flowering containers and baskets.
- Deadhead spring bulbs but don't cut back the leaves; cut leaves only when they have turned yellow. As long as the leaves are green they are feeding the bulbs beneath the soil.
- Aerate your lawn and apply fertilizer if you have not already done so.
- Plant summer bulbs such as gladiolus and dahlias.
- Rake, top dress, seed and/or aerate the lawn if necessary.
- Prune spring-flowering shrubs after the blooms fade. Prune conifers as well.
- Plant fuchsias and red hot pokers to attract hummingbirds to your garden.

### INDOOR ACTIVITIES

- Start planning your annual garden.
- There is still time to sow tender annuals and vegetables inside (check seed packs for specific dates & cultural information).
- Fertilize your house plants on a regular basis. Use **GARDENWORKS™** 15-30-15 for your flowering tropical plants and **GARDENWORKS™** 20-20-20 for your foliage tropicals.
- It's a great time to divide or take cuttings from your house plants.
- Start misting the air around your tropical plants regularly to discourage red spider mites.