



Gardening Blog

Things to do in March in the garden

March Garden Jobs

- Start chitting potatoes by put seed potatoes in an egg box in a cool bright spot to encourage sprouting
- Protect the blossoms on apricots, nectarines and peaches
- Net any fruit or vegetables to keep hungry birds off
- Divide early bulbs such as snow drops and plant in the green (when the bulb is still showing a small sprout of foliage)

What to Prune:

- Winter flowering shrubs after they flower
- Wisteria
- Hardy evergreen hedges and any over grown deciduous hedges
- Conservatory climbers like bougainvillea
- Summer flowering Clematis
- Blackcurrant and Gooseberry bushes (top dress with potassium high mulch for the coming year)

Last chance to:

- Cut back and prune raspberry canes, cutting the canes to the ground will simulate new cane growth
- **Remember the 3 D's** - Dead, Damaged or Diseased material should be removed
- Perennial weeds can be dug up from your garden and flower beds, roots and all
- Roses can be cut and feed (**3D's**)

Want to plant a hedge???

- Plant bare root hedging now, a cheaper alternative to summer planting. Go for reliable varieties such as Cherry Laurel, Portuguese Laurel, Beech and Grisolinia

Happy Spring Time!!

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