

THE LANDSCAPE GARDENER
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Long cold winter! Hope by the time you read this we will have warmed up a bit.

Check list for your yard:

March...

- Clean up leaves and other debris/ complete winter pruning of trees and shrubs.
- Cut back perennials and grasses- tying grasses together with twine prior to cutting off can be a real time saver, if you have many of these. It makes disposal much easier.
- Cut perennials to the ground, but allow the smaller leaves at the base to remain intact.
- If planning to rake the yard do so prior to applying pre-emergents on the lawn for control of crab-grass and other related lawn weeds. Once applied the pre-emergent should not be disturbed by raking hard enough to disturb the soil surface layer. I have noticed lawns where the pre-emergents have been applied seem to resist the incursion of Japanese Stilt Grass. Once established in your lawn the only available way to remove it is through total renovation with Roundup. If you have not been using pre-emergents for crabgrass due to a shady lawn, or some other reason, you may want to re-think this one.
- Plan for planting and order those last minute seeds for this years flower and vegetable plants.
- Plant trees- Many deciduous trees are best planted at this time of year. Oaks are especially sensitive to planting time, they must be planted prior to leaf expansion in order for success.
- Get mower out and ready to go or get it fixed.

Late March to Early April-

- Apply pre-emergent crab-grass control to lawn areas in partial to full sun.(Usually March 20-25th)
- Start mowing- around April 10

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