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Gardening in Dallas

The best lawn care and gardening advice from the Dallas Arboretum's horticultural staff.

Treat your landscape to the same planning, installation, and maintenance secrets these experts use to create and care for the Arboretum's breathtaking, year-round, 66-acre botanical display at 8525 Garland Road—on the shores of White Rock Lake.

LAWN & GARDEN PROJECTS FOR MARCH

In the Flower Garden

- Fertilize roses, annuals, and perennials with slow-release, high-nitrogen fertilizer.
- Dig up and divide summer and fall blooming perennials to control the size of your current plantings or create new plantings.

- Water new plants regularly until rooted in.
- Do not remove bulb foliage until leaves die down naturally. This will lead to a nicer display next year.

In the Vegetable Garden

- Keep seeds evenly watered until sprouted.
- Plant cool season crops like lettuce, radishes, broccoli, onions, and spinach.
- After danger of frost, plant warm season crops: tomatoes, peppers, and green beans.



CARING FOR FERNS

Most ferns like acidic soil, except Wavy Cloak, which prefers alkaline soil.

Water evenly; ferns like steady moisture.

Afternoon shade is best. Most ferns can only take the sun until 11 a.m.

Container grown ferns may be planted any time.

Maintaining Trees & Shrubs

- Prune trees and shrubs, except red oaks and live oaks (wait until June).
- Finish planting bare-root fruit trees.
- Spray fruit trees before flowering and after petal fall, but not while in bloom.
- Rejuvenate evergreen shrubs, such as holly, by shearing hard before new growth.
- Fertilize new and established trees.

Lawn Care

- Control emerging weeds with a post-emergent herbicide or pull them by hand, if it's practical.
- Water lawn if weather has been dry.
- If crab grass is a problem, apply pre-emergent herbicide.

LAWN & GARDEN PROJECTS FOR APRIL

In the Flower Garden

- Plant warm season annuals such as celosia, cosmos, zinnias, and marigolds early in the month. Wait until the latter part to plant heat-lovers such as moss rose, fire bush, periwinkle, and lantana.
- Choose small well-rooted transplants; avoid overgrown, root-bound plants.
- Mulch new plants and established perennials.
- Plant summer bulbs, including canna lilies and caladiums.
- Pinch growing tips of summer- and fall-blooming perennials to encourage compact growth.

In the Vegetable Garden

- Continue planting warm season vegetables, such as tomatoes, peppers, and okra.
- Harvest early crops on a regular basis.
- Plant out successions of vegetables and herbs.
- Thin seedlings of earlier plantings.
- Put up stakes and supports for plants as needed.
- Plant strawberries.



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CARING FOR ROSES

The Dallas Arboretum recommends **EarthKind roses**, which do especially well in Dallas.

Roses are not picky about soil, but **they should be planted in full sun**. They'll sulk in shade.

Water roses regularly, letting the soil dry out between waterings. Keep the foliage dry.

Plant roses in spring or fall.

Maintaining Trees & Shrubs

- Spray fruit trees every two weeks.
- Continue to plant container grown trees.
- Prune spring flowering shrubs and trees, if needed, but only after blooming is finished.
- Azaleas should be fertilized after they have stopped blooming and again 30 days later.
- Roses will need to be fertilized this month and again every four to six weeks.

Lawn Care

- Fertilize lawn with an organic or 4-1-2-ratio fertilizer.
- Fertilize every six to eight weeks until October.
- Plant St. Augustine and Bermuda sod towards end of month as temperatures warm.



CARING FOR PERENNIALS

Soil preparation is the most important step in planting perennials. Add 4 to 6 inches of organic matter to soil annually. You can add half in the summer and half in the winter.

Plant in clumps of 3 to 5 for best effect.

Fertilize every other month.

Plant year round.

The Dallas Arboretum's Picks for the Best Performing Plants

SHADE ANNUALS

Lemon Lollipops
Pachystachys lutea
 Persian shield *Strobilanthes dyerianus*
 Begonia 'Dragonwing' series
 Caladium
 Impatiens
 Plectranthus 'Mona Lavender'

SUMMER ANNUALS

Torenia 'Summer Wave' series
 Petunia 'Tidal Wave Silver'
 Coleus 'Merlot'
 Plectranthus
 Begonia 'Dragonwing' series
 Lantana 'New Gold'
 'Weeping lantana' *Lantana montevedensis*
 Purslane 'Yubi' series
 Zinnia 'Dreamland' series
 Fire bush *Hamelia patens*
Pentas lanceolata 'Galaxy' series
 Cape leadwort *Plumbago auriculata*
 Narrow-leaf Zinnia *Zinnia angustifolia* 'Crystal' series

SHADE PERENNIALS

Wood fern *Thelypteris kunthii*
 Japanese Holly fern
Cyrtomium falcatum
 Hosta 'Sugar & Cream'
 Hosta 'Honeybells'
 Cast-iron plant *Aspidistra elatior*
 Japanese Sedge *Carex morrowii*
 Inland sea oats *Chasmanthium latifolium*
 Turk's Cap
Malvaviscus drumondii
 Chinese Ground Orchid *Bletilla striata*
 Bear's breeches *Acanthus mollis*

Lenten rose *Helleborus orientalis*
 Gulf coast Penstemon
Penstemon tenuis
 Texas Gold Columbine
Aquilegia hinckleyana
 Sweet Violet *Viola odorata*
 Grape-leaved Anemone
Anemone vitifolia
 'Robustissima'

SUN PERENNIALS

Artemisia 'Powis Castle'
 Autumn Aster *Aster oblongifolius*
 Black-eyed Susan *Rudbeckia fulgida* 'Goldsturm'
 Speedwell *Veronica peduncularis* 'Georgia Blue'
 Brazilian rock rose *Pavonia braziliensis*
 Catmint *Nepeta faassenii*
 'Walkers Low'
 Dianthus 'Firewitch'
 Daylily *Hemerocallis*
 Coneflower *Rudbeckia nitida* 'Herbestonne'
 Lamb's ear *Stachys lanata* 'Countess Helene von Stein'
 Hardy hibiscus *Hibiscus moscheutos*
 Jerusalem Sage *Phlomis fruticosa*
 Mealy-cup sage *Salvia farinacea*
 Mexican bush sage *Salvia leucantha* 'Santa Barbara'
 Mexican oregano *Poliomentha longiflora*
 Pincushion flower *Scabiosa* 'Pink Passion'
 Purple coneflower *Echinacea purpurea*
 Rosemallow *Pavonia lasiopetala*
 Salvia 'Indigo Spires'
 Summer Phlox *Phlox paniculata* John Fannick
 Verbena *Verbena canadensis* 'Homestead Purple'
 Pink Skullcap *Scutellaria*



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