

Top Ten List – March

1. Dig organic materials into your vegetable and flower gardens for bigger crops and more efficient water use. **Paydirt** and **Bumper Crop** are two blended organic mixes that are perfect for flower and vegetable beds. These organic mixes contain mycorrhizae, a beneficial fungus which make your plants more drought tolerant. One bag of any of these organic mixes will be enough for 50 square feet.
2. Apply **Bonide Tree and Shrub and Insect Control** on ornamental deciduous trees. This once a year application will control aphids and elm leaf beetles and Bronze Birch borer.
3. **Mason Bees** have arrived! Mason bees are early pollinators which start pollinating fruit trees and other early blooming plants.
4. It is time to fertilize your lawn. **Sustane** is an all natural, slow release, nitrogen fertilizer.
5. There is still time to spray **dormant oil** and **Liqui-Cop** on fruit trees and roses to suffocate over-wintering insects and control disease.
6. Apply **Casoron** early in the month if you haven't done so yet. **Casoron** does not control weeds that are already up. Use **Bonide KleenUp** in non-lawn areas or **Bonide Weed Beater Ultra** in the turf for the weeds that you are excited not to have.
7. Start planting cool season crops in the garden. Carrots, peas, spinach, kale and lettuce are some early season favorites. For a complete list of cool season crops come into Greenhouse Garden Center and we will be happy to give you that hand-out.
8. Spray **Florel** once a week for 3 weeks on the greenish flowers on elms and cottonwood, and the red flowers of silver maples. **No Seeds, No Cotton and Boxelder Bugs!**
9. Hang **coddling moth traps** in your apple & pear trees when the flower buds start changing from reddish-pick to white in April. Wormy apple will be somebody else's problem.
10. Remove 80% of the salt water from the pond for healthy fish and plants. Add fresh water slowly over a 2 week period.