

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 makes your plants more drought tolerant. One bag of any of these organic mixes will be enough for 50 square feet. Full Circle Compost's Boost is the locally made mix for you to use also.
2. Apply **Bonide Tree and Shrub and Insect Control** as a soil drench on ornamental deciduous trees. Only use it on flowering trees just after the tree finishes flowering to protect the visiting bees. This once-a-year application will control aphids and elm leaf beetles, bronze birch borer, as well as many others.
3. **Mason Bees** arrive around the 30th! Mason Bees are early pollinators which start pollinating fruit trees and other early blooming plants. Place a phone order to secure yours.
4. It is time to fertilize your lawn. **Sustane 8-2-4** is an all natural, slow release, nitrogen fertilizer that will make your lawn healthy and beautiful.
5. There is still time to spray **Dormant Oil** or **All Season Oil** and **Liqui-Cop** on fruit trees, berries 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 **Monterey Decimate** in non-lawn areas or **Bonide Weed Beater Ultra** in the turf for the weeds that you are not excited to have.
7. **Start planting cool season crops** in the garden. Carrots, peas, spinach, kale, and lettuces 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 a hand-out.
8. Spray **Florel** once a week for 3 weeks on the greenish flowers on elms and cottonwoods, and the red flowers of silver maples. **NO SEEDS, NO COTTON, AND NO BOXELDER BUGS!**
9. Hang **coddling moth traps** in your apple and pear trees when the flower buds are red and swelling in April. Without spraying, these traps help reduce the problem. Wormy apples 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. Fertilize your pond plants while the water level is low with **Jobe's Organic Container Fertilizer Spikes**.