

Clallam County Gardening Calendar

March



Vegetables

- Dig garden beds when they are dry enough to be worked, adding compost and fertilizer.
- Mow or chop cover crops before they set seed. Allow leaves and stems to dry and dig in.
- Direct seed cool-season crops into the garden including arugula, beets, chard, greens (Asian and mustard), lettuce, onions, peas, potatoes, radishes, spinach, and turnips. (See recommended varieties on back.)
- Start cabbage family, leek, and parsley seeds indoors under lights. (See recommended varieties on back.)
- Harden off and transplant cabbage family and leek starts into the garden. Cover if temperatures are likely to dip below freezing.
- Fertilize rhubarb using a balanced fertilizer (equal amounts of N, P, and K).

Fruit trees

- Plant fruit trees in early spring. Be aware that many fruit trees need a different variety for cross-pollination.
- If aphids and other pests have been a past problem, spray fruit trees with horticultural oil before bloom.
- If scab has been a past problem, spray apple and pear trees with a fungicide registered for this problem, following instructions on label. Do not apply fungicides while trees are in bloom.

Berries

- Plant blueberries, raspberries, blackberries, and strawberries as soon as soil can be worked.
- Remove dead canes from raspberries and blackberries and trellis second-year canes, if you have not done so.
- Rake soil under blueberries and mulch, if mummy berry has been a problem in the past.
- Fertilize day-neutral and everbearing strawberries in late March and raspberries and blackberries as new canes emerge. Use 5-10-10 or a balanced fertilizer.

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- Beets – Bull’s Blood, Detroit Dark Red, Spring Color Beet Blend
- Broccoli – Di Cicco, Gypsy, Thompson, Waltham 29
- Cabbage – Caraflex, Golden Acre, Gonzales, Minuet, Parel, Tiara
- Cauliflower – Amazing, Snow Crown
- Chard – Bright Lights, Golden, Perpetual, Rainbow Blend, Rhubarb
- Greens (Asian and mustards) – Bok Choi, Ching Chiang, Komatsuna, Pac Choi, Tah Tsai, Wasabina
- Kale – Beira Tronchuda, Curled Scot, Dazzling Blue, Nero Di Toscana, Improved Dwarf Siberian, Red Russian, Red Ursa, Redbor
- Leeks – King Richard, Pandora
- Lettuce – Buttercrunch, Continuity, Drunken Woman Frizzy Headed, Little Gem, Merlot, Outredgeous, Parris Island Cos, Red Sails, Salad Bowl
- Onions – Ailsa Craig, Barolo, Pacific Pearl, Patterson, Red Guardsman, Rossa di Milano, Walla Walla
- Peas – Alderman, Oregon Sugar Pea Pod II, Super Sugar Snap, Tom Thumb
- Potatoes – French Fingerling, Goldrush, Kerr's Pink, Nicola, Ozette, Purple Peruvian, Rose Thumb, Russet Norkotah, Russian Banana Fingerling
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