

What to Sow In March: Direct sow garden greens. If space is limited make small plantings and repeat every two weeks. For example sow one or two feet of spinach, spinach beet and beets. Two weeks later make a second sowing. These are suggested planting dates for the Pacific Northwest. Our zone in Albany is 7 B and our last frost date is April 15th. If your last frost date is two weeks later or two weeks earlier than ours then adjust your planting dates accordingly. Your county extension office is a source of planting times and much of this valuable information is now online.

- March 1. Sow peas in 6" wide strips.
- March 2. Order more seeds if needed.
- March 3. Prepare soil by weeding and clearing away debris.
- March 4. Spread compost over weeded areas of garden.
- March 5. To keep unplanted areas free of weeds cover them with cardboard.
- March 6. Covering soil with a polyspun blanket raises temperatures 3-4 degrees
- March 7. Start pepper seeds. Follow packet instructions.
- March 8. Keep records of planting dates, weather, day of first flower.
- March 9. Plant short rows of spinach, spinach beet, turnips, radish. It may be a gamble.
- March 10. Sow onions, kale, lettuce, spinach when soil temperature is 40 F.
- March 11. Daylight savings time begins, more time to enjoy the garden.
- March 12. Apply fertilizer, acidic compost, ground bark, coffee grounds to blueberries.
- March 13. Greatest cause of failure when growing from seeds is sowing too deeply.
- March 14. Check for slugs & snails, the babies are voracious feeders, apply Sluggo.
- March 15. St. Patrick's day, traditional day for planting first potatoes.
- March 16. Plan your garden to attract bees, butterflies and beneficials.
- March 17. Check containers and loosen potting mixture for the new season.
- March 18. Sow celeriac and leek seeds for transplanting in April.
- March 19. Direct sow dill and cilantro seeds.
- March 20. Select bean and corn varieties.
- March 21. First Day of Spring!
- March 22. Plant Walla Walla Onion starts.
- March 23. Sow more spinach, radish, spinach beet, turnips.
- March 24. Direct sow arugula seed.
- March 25. Are parsley or parsnip plants bolting? Leave a few to feed predatory insects.
- March 26. Prune roses, fertilize and spread a handful of Epsom salts around the base.
- March 27. Trim and shape perennial herbs, fertilize with liquid seaweed.
- March 28. Continue preparing beds and sowing greens for salads and cooking.
- March 29. Plant strawberries, fertilize, protect from slugs and snails with Sluggo or traps.
- March 30. Broccoli seeds may be direct sown 2 weeks before last frost date.
- March 31. Take a look around, things are shaping up. Have a great weekend.