



East Dean & Friston Gardening Club



March Garden Tasks

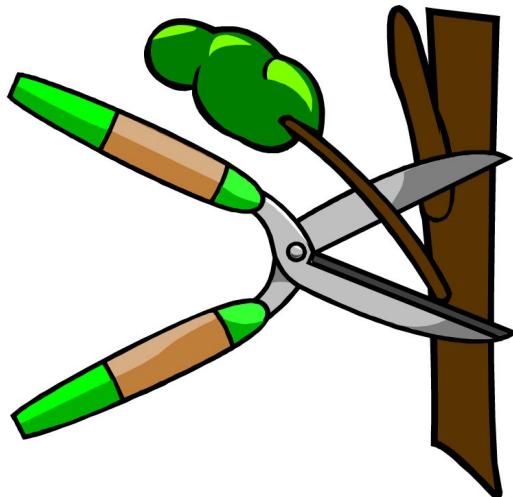


Sowing & Planting

- Sow hardy annuals outdoors if soil conditions allow.
- Sow carrots, beetroot, spinach, and lettuce under cloches or fleece.
- Plant early potatoes and onion sets.

Pruning & Cutting Back

- Finish pruning roses before new growth begins.
- Cut back dogwood and willow grown for colourful stems.
- Prune bush and climbing roses to encourage healthy growth.





Harvesting

- Continue harvesting leeks, parsnips, and winter brassicas.
- Pick the first forced rhubarb stalks.
- Use overwintered spinach and chard.

Watering & Feeding

- Feed spring bulbs after flowering with a high-potash feed.
- Water newly planted trees and shrubs in dry spells.
- Begin feeding container plants as growth restarts.



Greenhouse

- Sow tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, and aubergines indoors.
- Prick out seedlings into individual pots when large enough.
- Ventilate regularly to prevent damping off.

Houseplants

- Increase watering as growth resumes.
- Feed every 2–3 weeks with a balanced fertiliser.
- Repot rootbound plants into slightly larger pots.



Lawn Care

- Give the first cut of the season on dry days, set mower high.
- Repair bare patches by sowing grass seed.
- Apply spring lawn fertiliser towards the end of the month.

General Maintenance

- Install water butts and check irrigation systems.
- Clean and prepare garden furniture for spring use.
- Support tall perennials and climbers with stakes or trellis.





Wildlife & Ponds

- Frogspawn appears – avoid disturbing ponds.
- Continue feeding birds, but reduce as natural food increases.
- Add new aquatic plants once the risk of frost has passed.

Paths, Fences & Tools

- Paint sheds, fences, and trellis with preservative.
- Lay new paths or stepping stones before borders fill out.
- Check edging on lawns and borders.



Planning & Admin

- Check germination rates and resow as needed.
- Plan succession sowings for vegetables.
- Review planting plans and adjust for gaps.

Leisure (And Finally...)

- Visit spring bulb gardens for displays of daffodils and crocus.
- Take photos of emerging growth for a seasonal diary.
- Sit and enjoy the first warm days outdoors.

