

## What to do in March

### General Tasks

Once sowing season starts, you will find that you need all the growing space available to make way for new sowings. If you still have any over-wintering crops, you probably need to lift them up.

Remove any traces of last year's crops to prevent any disturbances of young seedlings.

Newly sown seeds or onion settings are vulnerable to damage by birds, rodents, cats and others. Have netting or chicken wires handy to protect the crops.

Weeding - To know whether the soil is warm enough for sowing is to check out the weeds. You will need to hoe the weeds regularly to prevent them from growing any further.

Seedlings are prone to diseases such as - damping off. If possible, use clean water from tap for the newly sown seeds. Use disinfectant to clean the pots, trays, watering cans and water butts.

Look out for any pests infestation - greenfly, slugs, snails and others as the weather improves.

Check out the ventilation in the greenhouse or poly-tunnel once the warm weather picks up. Keep door open on sunny days but keep them close at nights.

### Fruits

Strawberries plants - Remove any weeds, dead leaves and unwanted runners. Sprinkle a dressing of potash. (15g/sqm). New plants can be planted now. Remove any weeds from the ground and check the pH of the soil - 6.5. Add lime if need be. Add manure a week before planting. For low maintenance, you can plant the new ones through a water permeable fabric.

Check under the Gooseberries fruit bushes and lookout for any pupating gooseberry sawflies.

This is the last chance to plant bare-rooted fruit bushes and trees.

Feed fruit trees, bushes and canes with Potash(15g/sqm)

### Sow Now

Beetroot

Lettuce

Salad Leaves

Summer Cabbages

Broad Beans  
Peas  
Parsnips  
Radish  
Spring Onions  
Cucumbers (Indoor & Outdoor)  
Spinach  
Globe Artichokes

There maybe a chance that we may still get frost in March so any seeds sown needs protections (fleece, cold frame and so on).

Plant Now

Jerusalem Artichokes  
Rhubarb  
Salsify  
Scorzonera  
Strawberries

Harvest Now

Jerusalem Artichokes  
Parsnips  
Broccoli  
Brussels Sprouts  
Winter Cabbages  
Celery  
Celeriac  
Chicory  
Endive  
Leeks  
Salad Leaves  
Radish  
Spinach  
Swedes  
Turnip Tops