

## GARDENING BY THE MOON

### LANDSCAPE ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH

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March is the month when we finally get to leave winter behind and concentrate on some of the landscape activities that will prepare your back yard for summer.

1. **Spring Fertilization-** Fertilize your turf and shrub beds now with the Harvest fertilizer or a fertilizer such as Scott's Turf Builder for Southern Lawns slow release fertilizer with an analysis of 32-0-10. Use a spreader with edge guard to keep fertilizer off hard surfaces. Scott's spreaders are good to use with Scott's fertilizers. Any fertilizer you purchase should be more expensive indicating that the nitrogen is slow release. The quick release fertilizers are polluting and not as safe for the environment.
2. **Pruning of Ground Cover and Ornamental Grass -** Prune back overgrown ground cover and ornamental grasses to encourage new, compact growth.
3. **Fire Ant Control-** Treat your whole landscape (turf and beds) with fire ant control such as Over n Out, Advion, Amdro, Spectracide or Bayer Fire Ant Control at the end of March or in April for 6 month long fire ant control. Apply per label instructions.

Continue to monitor your yard for moisture and use your irrigation system only as needed. It has been so wet, the "off" position is best until it stops raining!