

MARCH 2026

GARDENING TO DO'S

March 20 marks the official first day of spring. Take a walk around your yard and notice what's beginning to emerge – it's the start of a new growing season!

Early Spring Tasks

- Gently clean up garden beds and cut back ornamental grasses and perennials.
- Prune fruit trees and summer-blooming shrubs (wait to prune spring bloomers like lilac until after flowering).
- Divide hardy perennials once the soil is workable.
- Start seeds indoors: tomatoes, peppers, broccoli, cabbage, and herbs.
- Late March (weather permitting), sow peas, spinach, lettuce, and radishes outdoors.

Add Early Color

- Plant cold-tolerant pansies, violas, and primrose in containers.
- Force cherry, forsythia, magnolia, pussy willow, quince or redbud branches indoors for an early taste of spring. Best results come from branches with mature buds, cut when temps are above freezing, and changed weekly to prevent mold.



Library Spotlight

Look for our One Seed, One State display and collect your versatile Pacific Beauty Calendula seed packet! Calendula is easy to grow, pollinator-friendly, and perfect for brightening gardens and containers. Discover how you can support biodiversity across Michigan at misedlibrary.org

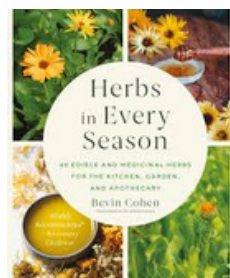


Celebrate the Season

- Refresh bird feeders and clean bird baths for returning migratory birds.
- Decorate your porch with spring containers or a seasonal wreath.
- Start a garden journal and plan new additions for the year.

Book Suggestion:

Herbs in Every Season:
48 Edible and Medicinal
Herbs for the Kitchen,
Garden, and Apothecary
by Bevin Cohen



March weather in Redford (Zone 6b) can change quickly. Keep row covers or old sheets handy to protect tender plants from late frosts, and avoid working in garden beds when the soil is soggy. Here's to longer days and a garden waking up to spring!

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