March To-Do List for
Cameron County Yards and Gardens

Time to plant:

**Flowers:** ageratum, alyssum, calendula, dianthus, geraniums, kalanchoe, larkspur, Mexican heather, snapdragons, stocks, petunias, vinca.

**Trees:** Natives: chapote, coma del sur, coyote willow, guayacan, mescal bean, retama, Rio Grande ash, tenaza, Texas ebony, Texas sabal Palm.

**Shrubs:** Natives: black brush, chapotillo, heart-leaf hibiscus, low croton, manzanita, Mexican trixis, nopal prickly pear, Texas kidneywood, Turk’s cap.

Non-natives (well adapted to Cameron County): dwarf yaupon holly, hibiscus, hybrid lantanas, Japanese boxwood, oleander, pottisporum, shrimp plant, viburnum.

**Vegetables:** beans (green), lettuce, onions (green), peppers (sweet and hot), radishes, tomatoes, turnips.

**Herbs:** dill, lavender, all basils, mint, mustard, oregano, parsley, rosemary, spearmint.

**Remember:**

- Start a weekly check/spray schedule for aphids on roses, hibiscus and other plants. Before spraying check for beneficial ladybugs. ALWAYS read and follow spray label direction for application.

- Till your vegetable garden, add organic matter, pull weeds.

- Add and work in compost to your garden and flower beds.

- Last month to plant roses.

- Take soil samples from your yard and garden for mineral analyses. This is helpful for correct fertilizer applications. Contact the Cameron County Extension Office for details.

- Use mulch when newly planting trees and shrubs.

- Cut Poinsettias to 12 inches above the ground.
-Divide ornamental grasses.

(Information source: Successful Gardening in the Magic Valley of Texas, Dist. VI Texas Garden Clubs, Inc. and Native trees- and Native Shrubs- of the lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas Landscape Uses and Identification, Native Plant Project, P. O. Box 1433, Edinburg, TX.)