

# Community Garden

March 2026

Newsletter



## March Task

- **Soil Preparation:** Ensure soil is not frozen or waterlogged before working. Amend with compost or organic matter to boost nutrient levels for the coming season.
- **Direct Seeding (Cool Season):** Plant arugula, beets, carrots, kale, lettuce, mustards, onions, parsnips, peas, and radishes. 
- **Perennial Care:** Divide and transplant perennial herbs (mint, oregano, thyme) and vegetables (rhubarb, asparagus) as they begin to wake up.
- **Protection:** Use row covers or hoop houses to protect young plants from late-season frost or cold snaps.

## Tips for Success

- **Use Soil Thermometers:** Aim for soil temperatures above 45 degrees
  - for most cool-season crops, and
  - for broccoli and other brassicas.
- **Avoid Compaction:** Never step inside the raised bed, as this compacts the soil and reduces aeration.
- **Irrigation:** March is an ideal time to install or check irrigation systems, such as drip lines, before plants fully fill the space



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