

Lawn And Garden Week Observed In March

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Suburban Gardener

Spring Gently Nudges Early-Bird Gardener

By BETTY FRANKEL
Spring, that most eagerly
awaited of all seasons, offi-

cially arrived on March 20. It begins with the vernal equinox, which is the moment or point when the sun apparently crosses the celestial equator and begins its elliptical swing to the north. At that point, known to astronomers as the first point of Aries, the day and night are of equal length—not only here but in all parts of the world.

The word "spring" has its

roots in ancient languages, and of course means the beginning of the year, the time of growth and rebirth.

In our latitude winter stills retains an icy clutch on the land, but gardeners rejoice when the iron grip is relaxed a bit, even if temporarily, so that vivid green narcissus tips poke above the crusty soil or a cluster of crocus buds grow into a sheltered nook explode into a burst of gold and purple blossoms.

Another older remedies

and fungicides containing copper or sulfur, lime-sulfur for scale insects, and others containing lead arsenite, nicotine and other substances that are poisonous but less so than newer chemicals. Use them with care and follow directions on the labels.

The arrival of spring doesn't really coincide with the arrival of the gardening season, although there are some early chores that can be done.

Especially in the spring, the gardener is subservient to nature's moods. He must wait until the frost is out of the ground and the soil is dry and crumbly before beginning digging operations.

Impatient gardeners can begin the season by giving the yard and beds a clean-up. Remove any accumulated debris, and gradually begin to loosen and remove winter mulches.

Lawns can be given an early season feeding and if there are any bare spots or thin, worn areas they can be seeded. This can be done even on frozen ground or on top of a light covering of snow.

CHECK TREES and shrubs for winter damage and for any evidences of infestation by insects or diseases. Prune off

broken branches and prune and burn diseased branches.

This is a good time, too, to look at the form of each tree and shrub. Branches can be pruned or improved to shape plants and shrubs, though, to keep them from getting too tall or wide.

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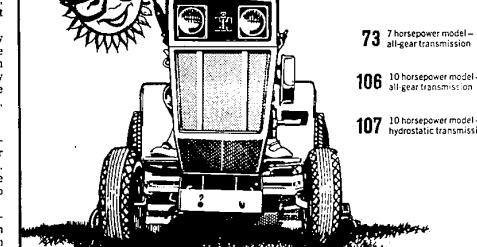
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