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Serious spring blooms begin in March. The forsythia and daffodil are in bloom and wildflowers begin to emerge. This is the ideal month to start wild grasses and meadow areas for erosion control or to just keep the weeds down. If you are contemplating wildflowers from seed this is the last month to spread seed successfully.

This is the very best month to start new lawns, re-seed old lawns, or expand what's already there. My personal favorite for lawn seed is my specially blended "Water Wise Fescue". It uses 30% less water than other grass, yet stays green every month of the year.

As plants emerge from their winter hibernation they have a ferocious appetite. It is very important to feed them with Watters "All Purpose Food". I'm tired of all the synthetic plant foods so I created my own with cottonseed meal, bird guano and other natural ingredients

perfect for mountain landscapes. Blend this granular food into vegetable beds, flower beds, to green up lawns and for use under trees and shrubs. Without food foliage will emerge yellow and emaciated.

In these economic times I would appreciate your business much more than the big boxes. If you need help in the landscape please visit, and refer a friend as the season progresses. I look forward to your visit.

Also look for information on our FREE classes on page 6 of the Lonesome Valley Newspaper.



***“Magic Gold Forsythia has bigger bolder flowers than all others and blooms every March”***

## **March Garden “To-Do”s**

- *Garden classes at Watters nursery begin every Saturday at 9:30.*
- *Month to start vegetable and herb seed for May planting outdoors.*
- *Ideal month to plant edible plants like fruit trees, brambles and grape.*
- *Best month to start new lawns, or wild grasses and meadows.*
- *Feed everything in the landscape with Watters All Purpose Food.*
- *Plant new roses and large evergreens before next month.*

## **Pests to watch for...**

- *Aphids begin to eat on willows, roses, pine trees and flowers.*
- *Grubs emerge and eat on lawns and shrubs.*
- *Gophers can tear up landscapes.*

## **Plants in bloom & looking good**

- *Forsythia, quince, and camellia all bloom though March.*
- *Pansy, viola, dusty miller and cyclamen all bloom like crazy now.*
- *Apricot, strawberry and nectarine begin to bloom and set fruits.*

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