



## *Gardening Tips for March 2025*

1. March is a good time to supply a little extra **POTASSIUM** to things like poinsettia, snowflake, camellias, gordonia and azaleas that are budding up from March. (P.S. that of course means **NOT** to prune any of those types of shrubs now!)  
([www.queenslandgardening.com](http://www.queenslandgardening.com))
2. March is a good time to plant **MANDEVILLAS**. These hardy sun loving climbers need support. The warning is that they are poisonous so keep away from pets/children. ([www.bunnings.com.au](http://www.bunnings.com.au))
3. Royal Gala apples (1st new season variety) are in shops. If you are tempted to 'grow your own' note they need 500 'chill hours' i.e. temperatures between 0 and 7. **WE DO NOT GET THAT**. Rarer varieties like Anna, Dorset Golden and Tropic Sweet need only 300 hours so might work but not common types. ([www.greenpacks.org](http://www.greenpacks.org))
4. Places like Bunnings have gerberas on sale now. Remember they like a really well drained soil so plant in a raised garden bed for best effect and dig soil through with some compost before planting. Plant around 45 cms apart with crown at soil level.  
([www.gardenexpress.com.au](http://www.gardenexpress.com.au))
5. If you buy a Hoya remember they need bright, indirect sunlight. Avoid hot positions and plant in a loose, free draining mix with lots of drainage holes. They like being cramped and drying out between waterings. ([www.hoyastoreaustralia.com.au](http://www.hoyastoreaustralia.com.au))