

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is important to apply a pre-emergent herbicide capable of preventing both grassy and broad-leaved weeds at this time of the summer if you want to prevent winter weeds. Confer with your favorite nursery person to select the product that is right for you and your landscape.
- Begin planting your fall vegetable garden now. Prepare the soil with 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow-release lawn fertilizer (19-5-9) Plant the cole crops such as broccoli and cauliflower by transplant. Plant carrots, beets, lettuce, turnips, and rutabagas by seed.
- Keep the fall tomatoes watered and fertilized. They will quickly produce wider leaves and set fruit when the nighttime temps fall to 70 degrees.
- Your zinnias and the other hot weather annuals will keep blooming until Thanksgiving, but you can also plant the cool weather flowers such as stocks, dianthus, petunias, snapdragon, and calendula in late September and October. Plan the transition.