Express News Gardening Tasks

08-25-2016

* Wasps and hornets can become aggressive this time of the year and are sometimes a danger to pets and gardeners. They are beneficial insects and so should be protected as long as they are not nesting in the midst of your activities. Keep a can of the spray handy but only use it when necessary.
* Fall tomato transplants can still make a crop before cold weather arrives if you use the fast maturing and heat-setting varieties and the transplants are at least in the 1 gallon size. Also be prepared to protect the plants from the first freeze.
* It is time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide to the lawn to prevent winter weeds such as bedstraw, thistle, dandelions, rescue grass and other winter annuals. Review the label before you purchase the product to insure it works on the weeds that you want to prevent.
* The winter vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, carrots, beets, lettuce and turnips can be planted in September or October prepare the garden soil by incorporating 2 inches of compost and 4 cups of lawn fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. of bed prior to planting.