

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- .If sand burs or crabgrass infested your lawn last summer it is time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide to prevent the same problem this year. Crabgrass Preventer, Amaze and XL work well.
- . Aerating and top dressing the lawn is very effective in improving lawn performance. The activity reduces soil compaction and allows organic material (compost) to penetrate the root system.
- Prune roses and fruit trees to remove dead limbs and to open up the middle to air and light. Visit plantanswers.com for instructions and diagrams.
- There are a number of bird species that will nest in bird houses if they are of the proper dimensions and are put in place now. Consider purple martins, chickadees, titmice, and Carolina wrens. Visit a wild bird supply outlet for the houses and building specifications.