

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is time to fertilize the lawn with a “winterizer” fertilizer such as 18-6-12. The nutrients do not stimulate top growth now but help provide cold tolerance and a fast green-up in the spring.
- Plant broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, chard and other winter greens by transplant now. Use seed for carrots, lettuce, beets, turnips, and radishes. Lettuce seed will only germinate if it is planted on the soil surface.
- It is an excellent time to plant trees and shrubs. Take advantage of any sales that are occurring at your favorite nursery. The plants are able to produce a root system before the challenges of summer heat.
- To avoid the fungus disease brown patch infecting your lawn cut back on watering and only water in the morning during the fall.