

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- This is a good time to prune oaks and other shade trees. During the coldest part of the winter the oak wilt disease is less likely to be spread because the fungal spores are not being produced and the insect carriers are not active. It is still advisable to paint all pruning wounds on oak trees.
- Don't forget a water source when you are attempting to assist the winter birds. Keep one or more bird baths full and rinsed. If you can rig up a recirculating device, it is especially attractive to the birds.
- Stump and vine killer products are still effective at eliminating unwanted hackberry and other woody weeds on your fence line or in the shrub border in the winter. Cut the stem off at the soil surface and brush the herbicide on the freshly cut stump. The material travels through the vascular system to kill the roots.
- Sweet peas can still be planted in the flower garden and English peas in the vegetable garden. Use spare tomato cages as trellises.