

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- As soon as the weather forecast predicts 2 days where temperatures stay above 45 degrees, take the opportunity to spray dormant oil on fruit trees and roses to control scale and overwintering mites and other pests. Do not spray fruit trees that are in bloom.
- Apply pre-emergent herbicides to your lawn to prevent crabgrass and sand burs. Among the products to consider are Amaze, Dimension, Crabgrass Preventer, and XL. Follow label instructions.
- It is too early to fertilize the lawn but it is a great time to aerate and topdress the lawn . It can be done by a contractor or you can rent an aerator and have a load of compost delivered to spread. Spread the compost one half inch deep. One cubic yard will cover 650 sq ft of lawn.
- Put the purple martin houses up on, or about March 1 unless you have seen returning birds before then.