

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- The weed, bedstraw is very aggressive. It can be sprayed with a broad-leaf herbicide on the lawn. Hand-pulling or a rake works well to remove it from the shrub border.
- Aerate and top-dress the lawn. The aeration reduces compaction and allows the organic top-dressing to filter down into the root area of the sod. Apply the top-dressing .5 inches deep.
- If your potted-up tomatoes are becoming leggy or beginning to bloom it is time to transplant them into the garden or a large container. The soil is usually warm enough to maintain the growth rate by mid-March.
- Begin spraying your peaches with an insecticide and a fungicide after the blooms have dropped half of their petals. Spray in the evening after the bees have returned to their hives for the day. Malathion or Sevin work for the insecticide and Captan for the fungicide. The fungicide and insecticide can be mixed and sprayed together. It is difficult to protect peaches entirely with organic sprays but review the fruit tree sprays available at your favorite nursery to find one that meets your needs. Follow label instructions.