

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is now the prime time for pruning peaches and other fruits to maximize fruit quality and preserve the trees from breakage. You also want to control height to prevent the necessity of using ladders to harvest the fruit. Visit plantanswers.com for instructions and diagrams.
- Plant potatoes now. Bury pieces of seed potatoes with "eyes" in a one foot deep trench 18 inches apart. Cover the seed potatoes with 4 inches of soil and fill in the trench as the potato stems emerge from the soil. Harvest can begin when the plants bloom.
- It is the last chance for the year to plant cool weather vegetables such as onions, lettuce, carrots, broccoli, cabbage, kale, and beets. Prepare the soil by incorporating 4 cups of slow release lawn fertilizer into each 100 sq. ft. of bed.
- Your snapdragons stocks, and petunias other cool weather annuals will begin their spring bloom period soon. Pansies and cyclamen will continue their bloom. Fertilize the plants and reapply slug and snail bait to all the flowers.