

Express News Garden Tasks

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- It is time to plant potatoes in the garden. Onion transplants and radish, carrot, lettuce, beets, English peas can also be planted by seed.
- Aerate and top dress the lawn with compost. Rent an aerator and have the compost delivered or hire a lawn care firm to do the work. It is too early to fertilize the grass.
- Prune your fruit trees to maximize production of large fruit that benefits by access to sunlight and air movement. Each fruit species has a different recommended way for pruning. Visit plantanswers.com for instructions and diagrams.
- For fruit trees that have not begun to bloom consider applying a dormant oil spray to control scale and other insects hiding in the bark. Schedule the spray for a period of 48 hours when the temperatures will stay above 45 degrees.