

## Express News Gardening Tasks

Distribute 04-13-2017

- It is time to fertilize the lawn. Use a slow-release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9. Apply it to put on 1lb of nitrogen per 1000 ft. of lawn. The bag will describe the appropriate setting on your spreader or use the lowest rate.
- Control fire ants with a fast acting mound treatment such as acephate in areas around your activities. Use a bait such as Amdro for the rest of the yard. In the vegetable garden use a spinosad based insecticide labeled for garden use.
- Begin the harvest of potatoes when the plants bloom. Harvest the remaining potatoes when the tops dieback.
- If suckers are sprouting at the base of your live oak tree they can be mowed with the lawn mower or a string mower. Oak wilt does not enter the tree from the sprout stems.