

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Apply IronPlus to the lawn to address yellowing caused by iron shortages due to cool soils. Iron chelate products sprayed on the grass blades or shrub leaves will also provide the required iron.
- Plant zinnias for summer color now that the snapdragons are declining due to the heat. The large flowered zinnias are colorful, make good cut flowers, and provide nectar for hummingbirds and butterflies.
- Hot, dry weather is on its way. To keep it green the lawn will need to be irrigated. Call upon your irrigation contractor to check your system for leaks and other maintenance issues. Replace the rain sensor and convert sprinklers to drip irrigation for perennials and shrubs.
- Tomatoes are ripening now. If the birds are a problem pick the fruit as soon as it shows any color change and let them finish ripening in the house.