

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Fertilize your lawn with slow-release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9. Apply enough fertilizer to provide one lb. of nitrogen per 1000 sq. ft. of lawn. That would translate to 5 lbs. of fertilizer per 1000 sq. ft. of lawn. Applying the lowest recommended rate on the bag usually equals the one lb. of nitrogen recommendation.
- Harvest your peaches when the background color changes from green to yellow. The color change is usually accompanied by a softening of the fruit. If you wait too long the squirrels, woodpeckers, and other wildlife will find the fruit.
- For containers use moss roses, vinca, and small zinnias in the sun. In the shade use penta and begonias.
- The galls on pecan leaves are caused by an aphid-like insect. The trees survive the infestation with minimum long-term damage but the numbers for next year can be reduced if you apply a dormant oil treatment to the trunk and stems next winter.