

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To reduce the damage that birds and varmints do to your tomato crop, cover the plants with bird netting and harvest the fruit as soon as it shows a color change from green to orange. The tomatoes will ripen the rest of the way on the kitchen counter safe from the birds and raccoons.!
- Water Restrictions limit lawn watering to one time per week on the day that relates to the last numbers of your address (0,1-Monday, 2,3, Tuesday, etc.) Most sprinkler systems provide an uneven water application. Supplement the water provided to dry parts of the lawn with hand watering.
- If fire ants move into your containers they can be eliminated with a few tablespoons of an acephate based fir ant control such as surrender. Use a spinosad based product for vegetables in containers. Follow label instructions.
- Trees, shrubs, and flowers can be planted during drought restrictions because their success relies on hand watering. Even lawns can be planted in periods of drought restrictions if you adhere to the special rules that limit the period of watering. Visit the SAWS website for the particulars.