

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To prevent winter weeds like bedstraw, rescue grass, thistle, dandelions, henbit and beggar's lice apply a pre-emergent herbicide such as Dimension or Amaze now to the lawn. Follow label instructions.
- SAWS customers can take advantage of a "Coupon" that provides \$100 towards plant and other costs if you convert 200 sq. ft. of lawn to hardscape or a low water use perennial planting. Visit the gardenstylesa.com website for the specifics of the offer.
- In September nighttime temperatures moderate and lawns become vulnerable to brown patch fungus if they go into the night wet. Reduce the potential for the disease by watering only in the morning and keeping the lawn on the dry side.
- Remove spent blooms on zinnias, esperanza and other plants to stimulate production of new blooms rather than seeds. The "deadheading" by string-mower also will help speed up the recovery of "New Gold" lantana to bloom status after an attack by lace bugs.