

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Mosquitoes are a threat because of the virus diseases they can spread. To minimize the threat, empty out all open containers that retain water including tires, abandoned dog dishes, and steel drums. Then spray malathion into thickets where the adults shelter. If you have youngsters and/or child-bearing aged women in the household it is advisable to confer with a pest control professional with a reputation for being environmentally aware.
- Plant shade trees and shrubs now to take advantage of the soil moisture and mild temperatures. Select trees and shrubs to plant that are well adapted to area soils and our weather. Plantanswers.com is a good resource for variety recommendations.
- Fertilize the lawn with a “winterizer” fertilizer with a fast release nitrogen source and a 3-1-2 nutrient ratio such as 18-6-12 or 15-5-10.
- Grasses such as Bermuda grass invading shrub borders or flower beds can be controlled with grass specific contact herbicides such as Ornamec, Grass-Be -Gone, Over-the Top, or Fusilade. The material is applied to the grass and translocates into the weed plants to kill roots and all. Follow label instructions.