

Express News Garden Tasks

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- For blemish free fruit begin the spray program after the petals drop from the blooms. A weekly spray including Captan and Malathion is effective. Organic gardeners can try fruit sprays with Neem Oil and -----.
- Slugs and snails are present in large numbers in most gardens because of the mild temperatures, lush foliage, and moisture. Reduce damage to foliage by applying a slug and snail bait.
- The live oak leaves will be falling soon. Use them for mulch or as an ingredient for the compost pile. They can also be left to decompose on the lawn. Mow them to speed up the decomposition.
- Apply a pre-emergent herbicide such as Amaze or Dimension to reduce the germination of sand bur and crabgrass weeds. A second application in June will increase the effectiveness. Follow label instructions.