

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Fertilize your lawn with slow release lawn fertilizer (19-5-9) after you have mowed real grass (not weeds!) two times.
- Replace the sugar water in the hummingbird feeder after a week. The old sugar water can be placed in a shallow pan for the butterflies and honey bees. It is a desirable source of food for them even if it has started to ferment.
- Cut out unwanted seedlings from the fence line, rose bed and other landscape features. Apply Cut Vine and Stump Killer to the pruning cut of plants such as hackberry and mulberry to prevent re-sprouting.
- Apply a fire ant bait such as Amdro to the entire landscape to control fire ants. It will take several weeks. For faster response on mounds near your activities, apply an insecticide with acephate as its active ingredient. In the vegetable garden use a spinosad product. Follow label instructions.