

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- The low chill early peaches like Florida King should be ripe now. Look for the background color to change from green to yellow. Harvest the fruit when the color change occurs.
- It is time to fertilize the lawn grass. A slow release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9 works well. Any leftover fertilizer can be used through the summer for the flower and vegetable garden.
- It is time to pull the remainder of the spinach, cabbage, Brussels sprouts and other fall planted winter vegetables from the garden to be placed in the compost pile. Beets, carrots, onions and rutabaga may store a little longer in the garden. Some spring planted cole crops, chard and English peas may still be producing.
- Decide if it makes sense in terms of your budget and rodent involvement to continue feeding the birds for the summer. Providing bird baths may be as effective as seed feeders to bring in the birds for observation. It is also effective to offer a sunflower and/or zinnia patch to provide seeds for cardinals and lesser goldfinches. Hummingbird feeders are also an easy option.