

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Apply a pre-emergent herbicide such as Dimension or Amaze to your lawn to prevent the germination of winter weeds such as bedstraw, henbit, thistle, beggar's lice, annual bluegrass and rescue grass.
- Prepare the bed by incorporating 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow release lawn fertilizer for every 100 sq. ft of bed prior to planting winter vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage, kale, carrots, lettuce, and beets in September.
- Cool weather annual flowers such as snapdragons, stocks, dianthus, alyssum and calendula can be planted as transplants in September.
- Roses will respond to moderating temperatures this month. Remove dead or excessively overgrown stems, fertilize them with slow release lawn fertilizer, and begin a weekly watering regime to support the fall bloom period. Protect hybrid tea roses with weekly applications of an insecticide and a fungicide.