

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- If your lawn is green and growing, it is time to fertilize with a “winterizer” fertilizer with a 3-1-2 nutrient ratio such as 18-06-12. The fertilizer will contribute to winter cold tolerance and fast green-up in the spring.
- To kill the roots of hackberries, Chinaberry, and other invasive seedlings apply “Cut Vine and Stump Killer” to the stump immediately after pruning. Follow label instructions. It is an easy and inexpensive process.
- It is time to plant spinach transplants in addition to all the other winter vegetables. Plant lettuce, carrots, beets, radish, turnips, English peas, and rutabaga by seed. Transplants work best for broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kale, Swiss chard, and collards.
- Last year at this time we had a record freeze. Have your covering materials and heat sources ready just in case! Move tropical plants in containers into cover now and be ready to cover citrus, cyclamen, tomatoes and other cold sensitive plants too large to move or planted in the ground.