

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- There are several ways to speed up your composting process. Grind up the materials to smaller pieces. Add moisture every week and turn over the pile every two weeks. If the raw material mix is not roughly 60 % green material and 40% brown material add several cups of lawn fertilizer every month.
- Aerate and top dress the lawn to reduce compaction and to improve water efficiency, gas exchange, and nutrient efficiency. The process is the only effective way to deliver organic material to the lawn roots.
- To produce blemish free peaches, plums, and apples spray the fruit each week with an insecticide and a fungicide. Malathion and captan work well.
- Plant green beans, cucumbers, and summer squash in the vegetable garden by seed. You can also plant a portion of your tomato transplants. Save a portion for later in the month in case cold weather sets the early planted tomatoes back.