

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Now is a good time to prune hackberry, mulberry, and other unwanted seedlings out of your landscape. Chinaberry is especially noticeable with its lavender blooms and straight stems that emerge out of roses and shrub borders. It eventually produces a tall tree that is short-lived and produces hundreds of berry-like seeds every year that the birds won't eat. What they do is germinate everywhere. Apply Cut Vine and Stump Killer to the cut stem to kill the roots.
- It is late to apply a preemergent herbicide such as Amaze or Dimension to prevent sand burs, but it is still probably worth it if you were heavily infested last year. Sandburs germinate over a long season. Reapply the product in mid-June to reduce the number of sandburs even further.
- If your peaches, plums, or apples have bloomed and you want blemish free fruit, maintain a spray program with an insecticide and fungicide every week. There are several options at your favorite nursery. Review the labels to select the products that best meet your needs.
- Use zinnias, cosmos, moss roses, and begonias and other hot weather annuals to replace primula, snapdragons, stocks, calendula, cyclamen, and the other cool weather flowers as they decline in the heat.