

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Fertilize the lawn with a slow-release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9 where half the nitrogen (the first number) is released immediately and the other part is released over the growing season. By waiting until now there is a better chance that the lawn grass root system is capable of taking up and distributing the nutrients.
- It is time to plant hot weather vegetables such as eggplant, cucumbers, okra, tatuma, southern peas and peppers. It is recommended to plant the eggplant and peppers by transplants. Both do well in containers
- Replace the declining cool weather annuals with hot weather color. In the shade consider planting begonias, pentas, caladium and coleus. In the sun zinnias, cosmos, vinca, moss roses, and purslane work well.
- Keep your tomatoes watered and side dress them with a lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9 every 3 weeks. They should be blooming and setting fruit now. To reduce the likelihood of spider mite infestation spray them weekly under the leaves with 2 tablespoons of seaweed extract in water.