

Express News Tasks

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- If you want to prevent the germination of the weeds that dominated your lawn and shrub borders last winter apply a preemergent herbicide now. Identify the weeds that were the most problem last year and select a product that addresses them. Dimension and Amaze are designed for weedy grasses but do a good job on such broadleaf weeds as henbit and chickweed. For other broadleaf review, the label of Gallery. And any other preemergent herbicides that your favorite nursery offers.
- It is time to prepare the garden for winter vegetables. For good results incorporate 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9 for every 100 square feet of bed. Among the vegetables that can be planted in September are broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, collards, kale, Swiss chard, rutabagas, beets, lettuce, radishes, carrots, and cabbage.
- Do your part to protect regional water supplies by learning and complying with the drought restrictions. They are designed to reduce water use by the necessary amount without permanently damaging your landscape.
- Zinnias are one of the best nectar sources for butterflies. Establish a new crop by weeding the existing bed and removing spent plants. Wet the bed by hand to stimulate germination of the seeds that have fallen. New flowers will be in bloom by the end of October.