Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide like Dimension, Amaze, or XL if you want to prevent the winter weeds in your lawn. Annual weeds such as bedstraw, dandelions, rescue grass, annual bluegrass, beggar's lice and thistle can be prevented.
- It is close to the last chance to plant tomatoes that will beat the cold weather and produce fruit for the fall. Seek out the large transplants of the fast producers like Ruby Crush, BHN 968, Roma Surprise, Lavaca, Surefire, HM1824, Tycoon, Red Deuce, Celebrity, and Valley Cat.
- We are now in the best season to plant shade trees and shrubs in the landscape. They have a chance to develop a root system before facing the summer heat. Visit plantanswers.com for recommended shade trees and shrubs.
- To help prevent brown patch cut back on lawn watering and only irrigate in the morning. The disease begins in low spots in the lawn where water collects and where the foliage stays wet going into the night.
- It is time to provide some limited pruning to your roses to prepare them for the fall flush of growth. Remove dead stems and open up the middle of the plant. Provide a half cup of slow release lawn fertilizer to each plant.