

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To maximize the size of the onion bulbs that you produce in your garden fertilize again with slow-release or winterizer lawn fertilizer. It is also important to harvest green onions in the row so there is 6 inches between each plant for maximum space for bulb development. The stems will flop over when they are ready to be harvested, Usually sometime in May.
- Keep the birdbaths full, it is time for the migrating birds to visit. Install a simple drip mechanism if you want to attract even more species including painted and indigo buntings.
- If the lush green lawn that you enjoyed all winter is fading it is winter weeds such as rescue grass that are declining due to the heat. The weeds will try to produce seeds before they decline. Expect the real lawn grass to begin growing now. Fertilize the lawn on or about May 1 when the real grass is developed enough to utilize the nutrients from the fertilizer.
- Attempt to pull or mow the winter weeds to prevent seed production but it is necessary to allow bluebonnets, poppies, verbena and other wildflowers to produce and mature their seed if you want a crop next spring. Mow them before the seed is produced and there will be limited plants produced next year.