

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- You will have to move fast to apply a preemergent herbicide to prevent the summer weeds sand burs and crab grass that will act in time to prevent the initial germination of the weeds. Also mark the calendar for 90 days in the future for the application of a second dose to prevent later germination. Consider Dimension, Amaze, or XL. Follow label instructions.
- The Monarchs have arrived and are seeking milkweed to lay eggs on in addition to nectar for nutrition. Plant milkweed from the nursery with blooms to help meet their needs if your plantings are not blooming. In addition to milkweed they will utilize blue curl, mist flower, larkspur, alyssum, calendula, poppies, and primrose for nectar. Plant zinnias as a main summer butterfly nectar source.
- Plant green beans, cucumbers, and summer squash by seed in the vegetable garden. Wait a few weeks to plant okra by seed, and eggplant and pepper transplants.
- To produce blemish free peaches, apples, and plums begin your insecticide and fungicide spray program after the blooms begin to lose their petals. Malathion and captan work well together. It is tough to control insects like stink bugs and curculios and diseases with an organic control but check the labels.