

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- If you want to prevent winter weeds on the lawn and shrub borders it is time to apply a preemergent herbicide. If the weeds that cause the most problem are broadleaves like bedstraw and henbit select a product that targets broadleaf weeds. If grassy weeds such as annual bluegrass and rescue grass are the main problem, use a preemergent herbicide that is formulated for grassy weeds. Some products such as Amaze, XL, and Dimension work well for both type weeds. Review the label to ensure that the herbicide you select will control the weeds that cause you the most problem.
- It is a good time to spread wildflower seeds. The best sites are in full sun without any sod or organic material cover. The seed needs to make contact with the soil. Seed for individual species or a mix are available at area nurseries.
- One or more bird baths refilled with water every day will meet the moisture needs of birds, butterflies, and honeybees plus it is an excellent way to observe wildlife in your yard.
- Supplement a hummingbird feeder on your patio with a few nectar sources in containers. In full sun provide firebush or porter weed. For the shade offer firespike or penta. The hummingbirds will compete for the nectar and sugar water.