

Express News Gardening Tasks

- Mow St Augustine grass at 3.5 inches and zoysia grass at 2 inches tall. Bermuda grass does best at less than 1.5 inches. Buffalo grass performs best when treated as a groundcover and mowed at 5.5 inches tall. Mow all the grasses frequently enough that not more than one-third of the blade is ever removed, that usually means mowing every week.
- If your citrus foliage is off-color apply a dose of soluble fertilizer such as Miracle Gro or Mir-Acid dissolved in the irrigation water every 2 weeks until the color improves. Follow label instructions for the dilution rate.
- Spider mites are showing up on tomatoes. To slow down any infestation rate, apply a spray of 2 tablespoons of seaweed extract in a gallon of water under the leaves every week.
- Use zinnias as cut flowers or deadhead spent blooms to encourage new blooms. Spread seed from spent blooms on garden bed for seed-eating birds and to germinate new zinnia plants.