

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- If your purple martins have fledged their young and are not spending time at your martin houses, it is a good time to lower the houses and reduce the opportunities for English sparrows to raise more nestlings.
- To avoid problems with interaction between the vines and wood and other structural features of the buildings in your landscape, consider removing the vines that are growing on the structures. Wisteria, trumpet creeper, and cat's claw are especially destructive. After removing the vines, the roots can be killed with Cut Vine and Stump Killer.
- Applying fertilizer to the lawn is not recommended unless water for irrigation is readily available. It is best in a drought restriction period to wait until about October 1 to fertilize the lawn again.
- Plant your fall tomatoes now so the plants have time to produce fruit before the cold weather arrives. Use the same determinate or semi determinate varieties recommended for the spring garden and consider Surefire or Roma Surprise. They are both very quick to produce tennis ball size fruit.