

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To take advantage of the pre-emergent herbicide's ability to control summer weeds such as sand burs and crabgrass, apply it to your lawn in early March. Review the labels of Amaze and Dimension to see which product best meets your needs. A second application at the end of June is recommended for the best control.
- Slugs and snails are present in most gardens in large numbers this winter because of the moisture, mild temperatures, and the resultant lush foliage. Control them with a slug and snail bait or with beer traps. Visit [plantanswers.com](http://plantanswers.com) for the particulars of the beer traps.
- Tomatoes require warm soil and generous fertilization to maintain the growth rate that they achieved in the nursery. Prepare the soil with 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow-release lawn fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. of garden bed. The warm soil will be in place between March 15 and April 15. Keep them potted up until then.
- Keep the weeds in your lawn mowed to reduce seed production. With the warm weather in late February weeds such as rescue grass, henbit, chickweed, thistle, beggars' lice, and bedstraw will attempt to set seed quickly and then decline.