

Express News Gardening Tasks

- Fertilize your lawn with a “winterizer” Fertilizer such as 18-6-8. The fact that it is designated a “winterizer” fertilizer indicates that the nitrogen source is a fast release source that will contribute to cold hardiness and a fast green-up in the spring.
- If your lawn is growing on shallow soil with a significant portion in the shade, consider reverting to a “Sustainable Winter Lawn” dominated by annual bluegrass, horse herb, and or rescue grass. It is a desirable option that results in water savings.
- It is a desirable time to plant your winter vegetable garden. Use transplants for broccoli, cabbage, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, Swiss chard, kale, and collards. Plant radish, turnips, beets, rutabagas, English peas, and carrots by seed.
- It is a good time to plant adapted shade trees in the landscape. Consider Texas red oak, live oak, bur oak, Mexican sycamore, cedar elm, Mexican white oak, chinkapin oak, and anaqua. Rely on the native soil and mulch over the root system.