

Express News Gardening Tasks

- To reduce insect and disease damage spray your peaches and other fruit with an insecticide such as malathion and a fungicide such as captan every week. Follow label instructions.
- Fertilize your lawn now with a slow-release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9. Do not use a combination “weed and feed”. The timing is ineffective for applying an herbicide and it makes the application environmentally inappropriate.
- It is time to plant eggplant and pepper by transplants in a raised bed or a container. Plant okra and/or southern peas by seed. All require full sun.
- For a full sun drought tolerant flower in the sun consider planting vinca. They are deer-proof and a good nectar source for butterflies. Zinnias, cosmos, purslane, and moss roses also do well for summer color in the sun. Plant penta, wax leaf begonias, coleus, or caladium in the shade.