

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- If you were plagued with sandburs or crabgrass last summer now is the time to apply a preemergent herbicide such as Amaze, Dimension or XL to the lawn.
- The live oak leaves are falling. Use them as mulch in the vegetable garden or shrub border. They also make good raw material for your compost pile. The easiest recycling tactic is to mow them in place on the lawn where they will quickly decompose to provide nutrients and organic material for the lawn grass.
- To prevent oak wilt from infecting your oak trees paint all wounds immediately after they occur. Pruning on oak trees is not complete until the wounds are painted. Also keep this season firewood covered with clear plastic unless you are sure that it is not a red oak species.
- Cool weather flowers like snapdragons and pansies will bloom for another 2 months but hot weather color such as zinnias and begonias can also be planted.