

## Express News Gardening Tasks

- Fertilize your lawn to enhance winter hardiness and to contribute to a fast spring green-up. Use a “winterizer” labeled product with a 3-1-2 ratio of nutrients (18-6-12 is effective)
- On or about November 1 spray your stone fruit trees (peaches, plums) with copper hydroxide to help control bacterial leaf spot and other bacterial diseases. The application will result in a leaf drop.
- The rains and resultant lush foliage growth will encourage an increase in the population of slugs, snails and pill bugs. Reduce the damage they do to your winter vegetables and flowers by applying a slug and snail bait.
- Plant carrots, turnips, lettuce, beets, rutabagas, English peas, and rutabagas for winter production by seed. Plant the cole crops such as broccoli, cauliflower, kale, chard and other greens by transplants. Before planting, prepare the soil by incorporating 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow release lawn fertilizer for every 100 sq. ft. of garden bed.