Express News Gardening Tasks

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* Prune off spent flowers and young seed pods from esperanza and poincinna to encourage more blooms.
* Side dress your fall tomatoes every 3 weeks with slow release or winterizer lawn fertilizer. One quarter cup per plant seems to work well. A preventative spray of 2tblsp seaweed extract/gal of water sprayed under the leaves each week will help slow down spider mite reproduction.
* If you have mesquites on your property they are dropping seed pods. The seeds are nutritious and palatable to deer, squirrels, doves and other wildlife. If you find them untidy, they can be raked up and placed where the deer can reach them or placed in the compost pile. The same wildlife will consume the pecans and acorns that are dropping off of the trees early.
* The rain last week was wonderful but you will have to resume irrigating container plants within 3 days if the hot dry whether returns. The frequency of irrigation depends on the size of the soil reservoir (pot size) and size of the plant crown.