

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- If you want to expand or change your wildflower area now is the time to collect the seed for planting in the fall. It works for almost all wildflowers and naturalized plants including bluebonnets, larkspur, poppies, blue curl, coreopsis, and prairie verbena.
- Yes, fall is the best time to plant shade trees and shrubs, but well-established container plants can be planted with a high expectation of success at any time if you can water them until they are established.
- Some of the early low chill peaches, including Florida King, have been harvested with great success but many more varieties will mature in late May and June. Keep up your spray program to ward off insects and discourage the birds with bird netting to produce blemish free fruit. The later the peach, the harder it is to protect them.
- Treat fire ant mounds in the vicinity of your activities with a mound treatment with acephate. Use bait such as Amdro to control the more distant mounds. Fire ant controls with Spinosad are labeled for use in the vegetable garden. Follow label instructions on all pesticides.