

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- The warm and wet weather has resulted in fire ant mounds emerging all over many landscapes. Apply a fast-acting treatment with an active ingredient of acephate or spinosad to mounds close to your activities. Apply a bait like Amdro to the rest of the yard. Follow label instructions.
- Warm weather vegetables such as green beans, summer squash, and cucumbers can be planted by seed now. Plant tomato transplants later in the month and eggplant, peppers, and okra next month.
- Fertilize backyard citrus that were defoliated by the freezes to provide nitrogen for the regrowth. Use Osmocote or a similar product for plants in containers and slow-release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9 for trees planted in the ground.
- Hummingbirds are back in the area. Bring them to your patio or garden for observation with sugar water feeders filled with 4parts water and 1 part sugar by volume. Rinse and refill the feeders every week.