

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- The fall tomatoes need to be planted if they are going to make a crop before the cold weather arrives. Consider the fast producing mid-size tomato varieties like Surefire, Lavaca, Roma Surprise or cherry tomatoes such as BHN 968 and Ruby Crush. To increase the chances of beating the cold weather with large tomatoes such as Celebrity, Tycoon, HM1823, Red Deuce or Valley Cat purchase the large transplants in 1 gallon containers.
- Now is an excellent time to plant iris and daylilies for blooms next spring and early summer. Deer do not usually eat iris but they relish daylilies.
- The Monarch butterflies have arrived in the San Antonio area. They will not lay eggs on this visit but will seek nectar from tropical milkweed, butterfly weed, mistflower, zinnias, porter weed, duranta, and lantana. Add some to your landscape. Next spring they will lay eggs on any milkweed in your landscape.
- Apply one of the stump and cut vine products to the freshly cut hackberry, mulberry, and other seedlings growing as weeds in your flower beds and fence line. The products prevent resprouting.