

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- If leaf-footed bugs or other stink bug relatives attack your tomatoes you can try a dry vac apparatus to collect them or you will have to revert to Sevin spray. They are difficult to control because of their size, mobility and feeding habits. The Sevin works.
- The migrating Monarch butterflies are in San Antonio for a short layover on their trip to the Central Mexico wintering grounds. They will seek out nectar from milkweed, mistflower, zinnias, Durant and lantana. Do not make any general insecticide sprays or spray nectar producing flowers.
- It is not too late to remove dead branches and some old wood from your roses for the fall. Provide each plant one half cup of “winterizer” or slow-release lawn fertilizer to provide nutrients for the fall bloom period.
- Wildflower seeds can be spread over areas in full sun where the seed can reach the soil. The soil can be raked as preparation for the seed but it is not necessary. Seed is available in mixes or single flower species at your favorite nursery.