

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is an excellent time to plant shade trees and you can take advantage of the CPS shade tree rebate. Visit the CPS website. Dig the hole only as deep as the container and allow over 25 feet between shade trees. Place mulch over the root ball to reduce evaporation, keep the soil cool and reduce weed competition.
- Prune back hackberries, mulberries, Chinaberries, and other unwanted invasive sprouts to ground level and then apply Cut Stump and Vine Killer to prevent re-sprouting.
- It is a good time to fertilize the lawn with a “winterizer” fertilizer such as 18-6-12. The same fertilizer works well to prepare the bed for the winter vegetables and cool weather annuals. The fall tomatoes also need regular fertilization if they are going to maximize production.
- Plant wildflower seed on soil that is in full sun and does not produce a thick sod of grass or weeds. The seed must make contact with the soil.