

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is an excellent time to plant shade trees. Consider from among live oaks, Texas red oak, Mexican white oak, cedar elm, Mexican sycamore, bur oak, and chinkapin oak. Take advantage of the CPS shade tree rebate.
- Apply dormant oil to the stems and trunks of your roses, fruit trees and as high as you can reach in your pecans. Make the application at the beginning of a 48-hour period of temperatures 45 degrees or higher. The treatment controls scale and the bark and aphids, mites and other pests in crevices and joints.
- Slugs, snails, cucumber beetles and loopers are still feeding on the foliage of vegetables and flowers. Use Bt for loopers, and Sevin for cucumber beetles. Slugs and snails can be controlled by slug and snail bait.
- Be generous with fertilizer for the winter flowers and vegetables. Winterizer or slow-release lawn fertilizer works well for onions, kale, collards, Brussels sprouts, snapdragons, stocks, pansies, chard, turnips, beets, and carrots.