EN Gardening Tasks

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•	To bring even more hummingbirds on your patio for observation during the migrations starting this month place a blooming firebush or penta on the patio in a container along with one or more sugar water feeders. Pentas do best in shade and firebush is a sun-loving plant.
•	To reduce germination of winter weeds in the lawn now is the time to apply a pre-emergent herbicide. Products such as Dimension and Amaze will work to prevent both grassy and broadleafed weeds such as bedstraw, thistle, rescue grass and annual bluegrass. Follow label instructions.
•	Prepare your garden for winter vegetables by applying 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow release lawn fertilizer (19-5-9) for each 100 sq. ft. of garden bed. Planting can begin in September.
•	Maintain the production of new tender okra pods and peppers by keeping the fruit harvested. If you get behind, just place the overripe fruits in the compost pile. New pods and peppers will be produced.