Tasks

Distribute 8-6-15

* Expect live oaks, cedar elms, bur oaks and other trees to drop some of the full crown of leaves they put on this spring in response to the heavy rains. Don’t worry about the trees, the leaf drop is a survival mechanism. Use the leaves in the compost pile or as mulch.
* Removing spent zinnia and cosmos flowers encourages the plants to produce new blooms, but if you allow flowers on a few plants to drop seed, you will have a new crop of plants germinate in time to produce blooms this fall.
* Rinse and refill the hummingbird feeders every week. Four parts water to one part sugar by volume is a good mix.
* To control Bermuda grass invading your flowers or shrub borders, consider using one of the grass-specific contact herbicides for an easy control method. The products include Over-the-Top, Ornamec, Poast, and Grass-be-Gone.