

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Spread a pre-emergent herbicide such as Amaze or Dimension to prevent germination of winter weeds in the lawn. They will control both grassy and broadleaf weeds.
- It is getting late to plant fall tomatoes with an expectation to beat the cold weather. One option that may work is to search out the large size transplants in one gallon containers. Prepare the soil by moistening it and applying 5 cups of lawn fertilizer per 50 sq. ft. of bed.
- If you have trees or shrubs wilting in the continuing heat water them at the base of the plant so that the root ball is moistened. It often takes newly planted trees or shrubs several years to become established with a root system that spreads out wide enough to collect moisture to support the crown. Once the rootball is wetted apply mulch to reduce evaporation.
- Place a container of firebush (sun) or penta (shade) on your patio along with one or more sugar water feeders to attract the migrating hummingbirds so you can observe them. We usually experience ruby-throated and rufous hummingbirds along with the resident black-chinned during the fall.