

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Fire ants are quick to make nests in plant containers because they are usually well-drained and dry out quickly. Acephate fire ant controls can be used effectively for ornamentals. Seek one of the organic controls labeled for vegetables for food crops in containers.
- Look for bluebonnet transplants at your favorite nursery. Plant them in groups 18 inches part in full sun areas where you want to naturalize a planting. They can also be planted in a row for cut flowers.
- Expect the first freeze any day now with very short notice. To protect your plants, have the coverings and heat sources lined up so you are not caught unprepared. Visit [plantanswers.com](http://plantanswers.com) for the list of cold sensitive plants and recommended materials to use.
- Spinach, broccoli, kale, beets, carrots, lettuce, English peas, turnips, and chard can still be planted for winter production.