

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- If you have a goal to improve your landscape for 2018, begin planning now. Obtain the book, Home Landscaping Guide Texas by Greg Grant and Roger Holmes, and/or attend a landscape school such as those sponsored by the Gardening Volunteers of South Texas (visit their website). The South Texas Home, Garden, and Environmental Show in Floresville offers a Landscape School on Sunday March 4. Call 830- 393 7357 for more information.
- To decorate your patio with blooms for the rest of the winter use geraniums in full sun and primula or cyclamen in the shade. Bluebonnets won't start blooming until mid-March, but they are also showy and reflect a distinctive Texas look.
- There have been traces of rain but not enough to meet the water needs of birds in your landscape. Set-up one or more bird baths and refill them every day. Right now, the flocks of cedar waxwings feeding on ligustrum and pyracantha berries are seeking drinking water.
- It is time to prune fruit trees and roses. For instructions and diagrams visit plantanswers.com.