

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To bring color and hummingbirds on your patio place firebush (sun) or penta (shade) growing in containers for blooms and the nectar they provide. Penta won't survive the winter freezes but firebush will grow back from the roots next spring.
- The zinnias in your flower garden respond to deadheading (removing) spent flowers by producing more buds. If you let them mature to the point of browning however the seeds will drop and to produce new plants. A good strategy is to allow some to mature their seed.
- Trees and shrubs can be planted in the summer if they have access to adequate water applied at the base. It is also important to mulch over the root system and wrap the trunk of newly planted trees to avoid sunscald. Red oaks, Chinese pistache, and fruit trees are especially vulnerable. Your local nursery carries the trunk wrapping.
- Prune unwanted seedlings from hackberry, mulberry, Chinaberry and other weed trees from your fence line and garden beds. Apply Cut Vine and Stump Killer to the fresh cut and it will prevent the stub from resprouting. It is easy to use and effective. Follow label instructions.