

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To replace winter annuals that are declining with the heat consider zinnias, New Look Celosia, moss roses or cosmos in the sun and pentas, begonias, and caladiums in the shade.
- Several types of caterpillars are feeding on the new foliage of your live oaks. Some are hanging on webbing from the trees. They are not considered a long-term threat and don't need to be sprayed. On small trees they can be controlled by Bt. If they accumulate on walls or other structures, insecticides with Spinosad or malathion can be used to control them. Follow label instructions
- Some of the wildflowers have finished blooming. Remember that they must be allowed to mature and drop their seed if you want new plants and blooms next spring. It may mean that you should not mow the area until late June.
- Fertilize the lawn after you have mowed real grass two times. A slow-release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-9 works well.