

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To increase the length of the bloom period in zinnias, vitex, crape myrtle, pride of Barbados, and esperanza remove the spent flowers and/or the seed pods. For tall growing crape myrtles, it may not be practical.
- If you had lace wings infest your lantanas last summer and end the bloom, you may be able to prevent it this year if you apply spinosad, acephate or another labeled insecticide now before the damage occurs.
- For a fragrant flower plant night blooming jasmine or Fanick's phlox. The night blooming jasmine will perfume the patio and penetrate the house. Fanick's phlox has a fragrance that resembles that of lilac.
- Plant milkweed, porter weed, mist flower, zinnias, salvia, duranta, and lantana for late summer butterfly nectar sources. Add cape honeysuckle and firebush to attract the hummingbirds.