

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- If you are planting fall tomatoes this late use the largest transplants of the recommended varieties that are available. The large transplants can produce fruit before cold weather arrives.
- To control fire ants, use an acephate based applied to the mound threatening your activities and a bait like Amdro for mounds away from the action. In the vegetable garden some products with Spinosad as the active ingredient are labeled for use. Follow the label instructions.
- If any of your shrubs or trees are wilting from the dry weather and heat, water them at the base. Root systems are slow to develop in some of our soils and weather conditions, so the water must be applied directly to the root ball. Shallow sprinkling as part of your lawn irrigation may not be enough until the plants are well established.
- Provide water in one or more birdbaths for the birds this summer. Add an inexpensive solar powered recirculating pump to bring in special species like painted buntings and warblers.