

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Apply a preemergent herbicide such as Amaze or Dimension now to prevent winter weeds such as thistle, dandelion, bedstraw, henbit, rescue grass, and annual bluegrass. Follow label instructions
- Spread wildflower seed this month to produce spring blooms. The soil can be disked but preparation is not necessary if the seed is placed in full sun and makes contact with the soil. Use seed mixes suitable for Central Texas or single varieties of seeds that commonly bloom in the area.
- If recently planted shrubs and trees (last 2 or 3 years) wilt in the drought run the hose at the plants base for an hour or more to moisten the root ball. Once the wilt is experienced soak the root ball every two weeks until the rains start.
- To determine if brown areas in the lawn are due to drying hand water every other day for a week. If it greens up the browning is caused by the hot dry soil. If there is no response suspect chinch bugs and consider applying a soil insecticide.