

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is still an excellent time to plant shade trees and well adapted shrubs. The plants develop a root system in time to help cope with the hot, dry conditions of a San Antonio summer. A shade tree rebate is also available from CPS. Check out the particulars on the CPS website or at your favorite nursery.
- If you have shallow soil and or shade your lawn is probably infested with winter weeds such as rescue grass and horseherb. Both weeds are hard to control in a lawn situation, but they respond well to mowing. Keep them mowed and declare it your sustainable winter lawn.
- Several bird species including wrens, titmice, chickadees, purple martins, and woodpeckers will nest in birdhouses if they are available. Confer with a resource such as "Attracting Birds to Southern Gardens" for the specifications and mounting guidance for birdhouses for area species. You can build them or purchase them from internet and local retail stores. Now is the time to get them in place.
- Water your cyclamen at the base as soon as you notice any wilting. Some plants do not develop an expanded root system that can take advantage of the drip irrigation system. Watering at the base restores moisture to the root ball before the blooms drop.