

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- It is still a good time to plant shrubs, fruit trees, and shade trees. The plants will have some time to develop roots before they are faced with the heat and dry weather of summer.
- February is the pruning month, Prune fruit trees to maximize production of large fruit that does not break the branches. And eliminates the need to harvest fruit from a ladder. Prune off the freeze killed tops of esperanza, firebush, lantana and other root hardy plants
- Control winter weeds in the lawn by mowing or with the application of an herbicide such as Weed -Free Zone that functions in cooler temperatures than other broadleaf weed controls. Weeds in the flower garden and shrub border may have to be removed by hand.
- Don't be deceived by the new plant growth and mild temperatures, we could still have a hard freeze this month or next. Keep the plant covers and heat sources ready for action.