

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- If your Meyer lemons, Mexican limes, or other citrus has light green foliage enhance its access to nitrogen, iron and other essential nutrients by including a soluble fertilizer in its water application on a regular basis such as every 2 weeks.
- Place one or more bird baths in your landscape to meet the birds' need for water and to allow you to observe the 10 to 20 species of birds that will visit the water source every day. Include your children and grandchildren in the process. The baths will have to be refilled every day.
- There is still time to obtain tomato transplants for your fall garden. If they were purchased as 2-inch peat pot plants, it is best to keep them in a 1-3-gallon container filled with potting soil and Osmocote until the plants grow larger. Place the containers in morning sun and afternoon shade. Some nurseries sell recommended selections like Tycoon, Red Snapper, Celebrity, HM8849, and BHN 968 in the 1-gallon size. They are the best transplant option in hot weather like we are experiencing.
- If you keep the okra, eggplant, and peppers well-watered, they should keep producing through the hot weather.