

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- In a time of drought restrictions, it is important to have a plan identifying your landscape priorities and the schedule of watering that allows you to comply with the area restrictions plus protect priority plants.
- To meet the needs of the wildlife for water in your landscape maintain one or more birdbaths. Do not worry about mosquito egg laying, between evaporation and the birds splashing, the birdbath must be refilled every day.
- For summer color on your patio consider firebush for the sunny areas and pentas for the shady area. Plant them in 5-gallon decorative containers the blooms are colorful and attract hummingbirds and butterflies.
- If one of your shrubs or newly planted trees begins to wilt, water it generously at the base so that the root ball is soaked. In our soil root growth is slow in droughty weather. The roots are often concentrated in the root ball for several years.