

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Your fall tomatoes should be responding to the cooling temperatures and rain with leaf thickening, blooms, and fruit setting. Side dress the plants with half a cup of “winterizer” fertilizer. Treat eggplant and peppers the same.
- It is time to plant the fall garden. Use transplants for broccoli, chard, cabbage, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and Chinese cabbage. Plant carrots, radishes, turnips, rutabagas, beets, and lettuce with seed. Wait until late October to plant spinach transplants.
- If you have an area in full sun with bare soil, consider planting wildflower seed. There are several mixes that do well in Central and South Texas. Find the seed on the internet or at your favorite nursery.
- Invasive Bermuda grass among shrub borders or flower gardens can be controlled with contact herbicides for grasses such as Over the Top, Poast, GrassbeGone, and Fusilade without damaging the garden plants. Follow label instructions.