

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- There is still time to plant a fall tomato crop if you select transplants in 1-gallon containers of the recommended varieties such as HM 8849, HM 1823, BHN 968, Ruby Crush, Tycoon, 444, Red Deuce, Celebrity, Valley Cat, Phoenix, and Roma.
- To supplement your sugar water feeders in bringing more hummingbirds on the patio for observation during the fall migration, obtain one or more firebush in a container for the sun. In the shade use pentas in bloom.
- Make the rounds of your landscape to identify shrubs or trees that are wilting in the hot weather. Address the problem on individual plants by watering them at the base with the hose. It works best if you let it run for at least 10 minutes so the it soaks the whole root ball.
- Areas of the lawn in especially hot dry areas such as along the driveway can usually be greened up with a supplementary hand watering once per week. If the special watering doesn't green the area, suspect chinch bugs. They can be treated with a soil insecticide labeled for the lawn.