

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Review the drought restrictions in your community and relate them to your landscape and your schedule so that you can comply plus protect your plants. Most restrictions are organized to make the required reduction in water use without long-term damage to the landscape, but it does require some planning.
- Install a recirculating pump on your birdbath to increase the number of species that seek out it as a water source. They are inexpensive and easy to use plus increase the number of bird species. There are even solar powered recirculating pumps.
- If you purchase 2-inch transplants for your fall tomato garden, plant them first in 1-gallon containers until they increase their root system and plant size. Place the container in morning sun and afternoon shade.
- Shrubs and trees can still be planted especially if they are heat and drought tolerant. Gold Star esperanza, poinciana, firebush, vitex, crepe myrtles, thyrallis, duranta, lantana, and salvia are among the plants that do well if planted now.