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- Removing spent flowers or developing seed pods from the summer bloomers will encourage them to produce more blooms. Crape myrtle, vitex and esperanza are responsive to the practice.
- Mulch over the root system of shrubs, flowers and other plants helps maintain soil moisture and reduce weed competition.
- Plant fall tomatoes after mid-July. Prepare the soil with 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow-release lawn fertilizer incorporated into every 100 sq. ft. of bed.
- Plant fall aster, mint marigold, and Mexican flame vine for attractive blooms in the fall that provide nectar for butterflies.