

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Call in your irrigation contractor to run a check on the irrigation system before we move into the watering season. Also discuss with them if there is any new technology which will make your system more efficient. SAWS customers are eligible for rebates for the cost of some technology improvements.
- Monarch butterflies have arrived in the San Antonio area. Consider adding blooming mistflower, milkweed, zinnias, and porter weed to add more nectar sources to the rain lilies, dianthus, calendula, blue curl, and larkspur that are blooming. Plant both native and tropical milkweed to provide egg-laying sites.
- Begin your stone fruit spray program once the blooms on the individual trees drop their petals. Consider Sevin and malathion for insects and Captan for a fungicide. Organic gardeners can try pyrethrin for insects and neem oil and sulfur sprays for fungus. It works best to spray weekly. Follow label instructions.
- If you have had a bright green lawn all winter thanks to grass weeds such as rescue grass and annual bluegrass expect the color to fade as the weeds decline in the heat. The real grass will take over. Fertilize when you have mowed real grass 2 times. Sometime after mid-April.