

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- This is the best time to plant shade trees. The newly planted trees have time to develop a root system before they must meet the challenge of a San Antonio summer. Plant one of the CPS recommended species and receive a \$50 rebate on your electric bill if you plant it in a manner that shades the house and reduces power needs for air-conditioning.
- Reduce the portion of the seed eaten from your bird feeders by squirrels if you use an Absolute steel feeder with weight sensitive perches: the seed and suet is flavored with hot pepper: and you feed safflower seed.
- Get double value from your holiday tree by selecting a live tree and planting it in the landscape after it completes its role as a decorated tree after the holidays. Aleppo pine, Italian stone pine, Arizona cypress, and deodora cedar all work well in the role.
- In addition to having Insulate, blankets, or other fabric ready for covering freeze sensitive plants when a freeze is predicted, have heat sources also available for temperatures below 26 degrees. Mechanics lights and poultry heaters work well.