

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Fertilize your lawn with a slow-release lawn fertilizer such as 19-5-09 after you have mowed real grass (not weeds) twice.
- Mow St Augustine grass at 3.5 inches high, zoysia at 2 inches and Bermuda grass at 1.5 inches or less. Buffalo grass competes best with weeds when it is mowed at 5.5 inches high. Mow the lawn frequently enough (usually once per week) that you never have to remove more than one third of the grass blade.
- For success in growing backyard fruit trees grow the recommended varieties in 8by 8 ft. raised beds of commercial garden mix and irrigated with drip irrigation. Visit plantanswers.com to identify the recommended varieties for the San Antonio area.
- Monarchs are laying their eggs on milkweeds in the area. It is best to ignore infestation of aphids and the milkweed beetles rather than attempt any control effort that will threaten or interfere with the Monarch egg-laying.