

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Spread wildflower seeds over vacant lots and other open areas. The soil does not have to be prepared but the seed must reach bare soil. Most wildflower seed varieties require full sun but *Salvia coccinea* and blue curl will prosper in the shade.
- There is still time to prune your roses lightly and fertilize them to prepare for the autumn bloom period. Remove dead and crossed stems. Slow release lawn fertilizer works well for a fertilizer.
- Thin out your iris bed to leave 18 inches between the rhizomes. Iris are not eaten by deer and they are very drought tolerant. Plant new beds in full sun with the top of the rhizome level with the soil surface.
- It is a good time to plant broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, kale, Brussels sprouts, chard, and transplants in the garden. Plant carrot, beet, turnip, radish, rutabaga and lettuce seed. Lettuce seed should not be covered with soil.