

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Obtain a wildflower seed mix targeting Central Texas or another inclusive geographic area from an internet supplier of your favorite nursery. Spread the seed over an area in full sun where the seed can make contact with the soil.
- Use a “Winterizer” fertilizer such as 18-6-12 to fertilize the lawn if you have been able to water it and it is green. If the lawn is dormant (brown) wait and fertilize it next spring about May 1.
- Fall is the best time to plant shade trees and other well-adapted plants. Among the species to consider are live oak, cedar elm, Mexican white oak, Texas red oak, Mexican sycamore, bur oak, and chinkapin oak.
- Plant the winter vegetable garden after preparing the soil with 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow release lawn fertilizer over every 100 sq. ft. of bed. Plant broccoli, cauliflower, collards, kale, Brussels sprouts, cabbage and Swiss chard with transplants. Use seed for radish, lettuce, turnips, beets, rutabagas, and English peas.