

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Plant seed potato pieces with eyes 18 inches apart in trenches 1 foot deep in the garden. Cover the seed with 3 inches of soil to start and add more soil as the plant grows in the trench without covering the growing point. Potatoes can be harvested when the plant begins to bloom.
- Larkspurs that sprout in the cut flower garden will over-grow snapdragons, stocks, and calendulas but they can be transplanted to a designated area of the garden for use as cut flowers and as a nectar source for hummingbirds and butterflies.
- Wait as long as possible to prune freeze killed tops of lantanas, esperanza, firebush, salvias and other root hardy subtropical plants back at soil level to make room for the new spring growth to allow the stems and other plant parts to serve as cover and insect feeding areas for area birds.
- The contact herbicide “Weed-Free Zone” is effective for controlling henbit, chickweed, and bedstraw and other winter broad-leaf weeds at lower temps than other sprays. Follow the label instructions.