

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Plant some of your potted up tomatoes in the garden now if the weather is mild but save some to plant until after March 15 and April 1 to insure that the soil has warmed up enough to support active growth and to insure against a late freeze.
- Peaches, plums and other tree fruits are very susceptible to damage from plum curculios, cucumber beetles, stink bugs and various fungal diseases. At petal fall begin a weekly spray of a product labeled for protection against insects and diseases if you want blemish-free fruit.
- Hybrid tea roses also benefit by a spray program similar to that recommended for fruit trees. Some tough modern and old-fashioned roses such as Belinda's Dream, Carefree Beauty Pink, Martha Gonzales, Mutabilis, Grandma's Yellow and Mrs. Dudley Cross manage to prosper despite insects and diseases without a spray program.
- Purple martins have been seen in San Antonio. It is time to put the houses up. Despite myths about eating lots of mosquitos, they are an interesting addition to the landscape.