

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- To bring the hummingbirds onto the patio for observation, provide 1-part sugar in 4 parts water in a hummingbird feeder. It increases the action when firebush (full sun) and/or penta (shade) are also available in containers.
- Prepare the soil for the winter vegetable garden by incorporating 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow-release lawn fertilizer (19-5-9) into every 100 sq. ft of garden bed prior to planting in September.
- Control Bermuda grass and other invasive weed grasses entering the flower garden and shrub border with one of the grass-specific contact herbicides such as Poast, Grass-be-Gone, Fusilade, Over-the-Top, or Ornamec. Follow label instructions
- Hand-watering is allowed at anytime during Stage 1 Drought Restrictions. Use supplementary hand-watering to meet any extra water needs of your priority plants and to determine if dry soil is causing the wilting or browning that is occurring.