

## Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Plant the annual flowers- zinnias, cosmos, moss rose, and purslane by seed or transplants in full sun for summer color. Plant vincas as transplants. In the shade begonias, pentas, caladium, and coleus are good choices.
- The perennials lantanas, salvias, esperanza, firebush, poinciana, thyralis, and duranta can be planted now to provide color in full sun no matter how hot and dry the summer. All but firebush, poinciana, and duranta are not eaten by the deer in most situations.
- Many of the wildflowers are at their peak bloom now. Remember that if they are going to provide seed for next year they must be allowed to mature and drop the seed. Do not mow them when the blooms decline.
- It is a good time to plant tomato and pepper transplants in the garden. Plant green beans, cucumbers, cantaloupe, watermelon and summer squash by seed.