

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Fall is the best time to plant shade trees and shrubs. Dig the hole to match the container depth and 3 times as wide. There is no long-term advantage to include soil additives. If you select a well-adapted species, water it well, plant in appropriate light conditions, and mulch over the root system, the plant will prosper.
- Fertilize the lawn with a “winterizer” fertilizer with a 3-1-2 ratio such as 18-6-12. The nutrients will contribute to winter hardiness and to a quick green-up in spring.
- The Monarch butterflies and migrating hummingbirds will pass through San Antonio landscapes over the next 2 months. Favorite nectar sources are milkweed, porterweed, zinnias, mistflower, salvias, lantanas, duranta, cape honeysuckle, Mexican flame vine, firebush, and penta. The nectar sources can be in the ground or in containers.
- It is an excellent time to plant broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, kale, and other cabbage related transplants. Prepare the soil with 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of lawn fertilizer for every 100 sq. ft. of bed. Plant carrots, turnips, lettuce, beets, radishes, and rutabagas by seed.