

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Desirable tomato transplants are available at area nurseries and the Rodeo, but it is too early to plant them in the garden. Pot them up in a 1-gallon container filled with potting soil and Osmocote. To maintain active growth, place them in the sun out of the wind until mid-March. If temps fall below 40 degrees temporarily move the pots into a heated shelter.
- Onion transplants can be placed in the garden in a soil prepared with 2 inches of compost and 10 cups of slow release lawn fertilizer per 100 sq. ft. of bed. Plant them every 4 inches in the row.
- Prune your peach and plum trees to an open vase shape after applying horticultural oil to control scale insects. Follow label instructions and visit plantanswers.com for pruning diagrams.
- It is time to prune back the tops of esperanza, salvias, lantana, poinciana, and other freeze killed tops to make room for the new growth.