

Express News Gardening Tasks

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- Temperatures approached freezing in some areas have your fabric coverings and heat sources ready for action for plants such as citrus and cyclamen. If temperatures again are forecast to fall below 40 degrees F move cold sensitive plants such as bougainvillea and oriental hibiscus into shelter.
- It is an excellent time to plant pansies, violas, stocks, snapdragons, sweet peas, and other cold tolerant annuals in the garden for winter color.
- Add spinach to the list of winter vegetables to plant in the garden. Broccoli, Swiss chard, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, beets, radish, lettuce, turnips, kale, and Chinese cabbage are also on the list.
- Protect primula, cyclamen, pansies and other low growing plants from slugs and snails with slug and snail bait. It also works to sink plastic cups half filled with beer in the soil. The slugs and snails are attracted to the beer and are trapped in the container.